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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose of Parks and Recreation Element

- 1.1 The primary purpose of the Parks and Recreation Element is to guide the City toward maintaining and improving the quality of life in the City of Porterville through the provision of needed park facilities and recreation programs.

The time frame for this plan is 20 years or until the year 2013. During this time period the plan proposes the development of a balanced park and recreation system.

- 1.2 The previous city-wide parks planning document was prepared in 1965. The primary emphasis of the 1965 plan was to develop parks in new neighborhoods connected to elementary schools.

Of 16 neighborhoods identified in the report 10 neighborhoods were scheduled to have 10 acre parks constructed adjacent to existing and proposed elementary schools. In three neighborhoods there was no available land adjacent to schools. In these three cases the plan proposed including neighborhood park facilities on the schoolground acreage and utilizing the Tule River Greenbelt for passive recreation for these neighborhoods. Two neighborhoods at the time of the plan were already adequately served by existing parks.

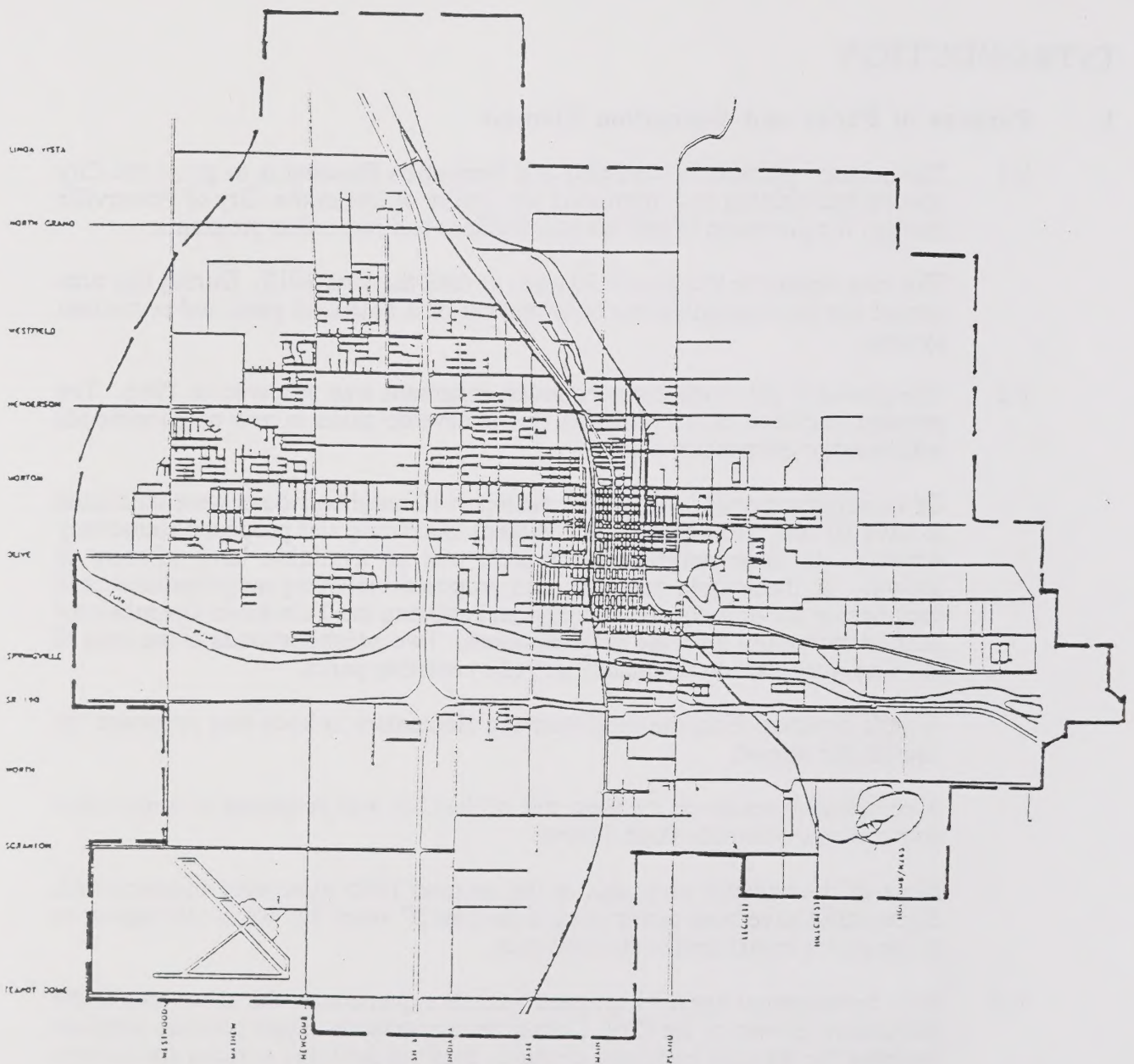
A park separate from the neighborhood elementary school was proposed for one neighborhood.

A community center on the west side of the City was proposed in conjunction with the new Monache High School.

None of the specific proposals in the adopted 1965 plan were implemented. Some parks have been constructed in the past 27 years but not in the manner or to the extent envisioned in the 1965 plan.

- 1.3 Park development has not kept pace with the expansion of the urban area or the population growth of the City. Consequently parks no longer provide adequate facilities for the City recreation demand. Existing facilities at parks and schools are over used. Anticipated growth in population will further impact the existing limited facilities.
- 1.4 The plan includes recommendations for improving existing parks, acquisition of parkland, and development of new parks to assure an equitable distribution of parks throughout the City.
- 1.5 An effort has been made throughout the preparation of this plan to incorporate recommendations of all interested City residents through a series of workshops, field and telephone surveys, and preparation of intermediate reports.

Figure 1 - Map of Study Area



2. Policies Related to Other Plans

- 2.1 The Parks and Recreation Element relates to other aspects of the community, particularly neighborhoods, circulation, land use, open space, the drainage system and schools.
- 2.2 Since parks are a form of land use the Parks and Recreation Element shall be utilized to amend the Land Use Element of the General Plan as necessary to accomplish the objectives and policies in this plan.
- 2.3 A close relationship between the Storm Drainage Master Plan prepared in 1989 and the Parks and Recreation Element is necessary. Proposals within this plan shall be utilized to make adjustments in the locations of drainage basins wherever possible.



- 2.4 There is a close relationship between the City schools and the Parks and Recreation Element. Coordinated planning with the school district is necessary to allow both the schools and park users to benefit from shared use of facilities.
- 2.5 The Tule River Parkway, accepted in 1992, is intended to provide general park direction as the Parks and Recreation Element is implemented. The trails system, to be developed along the Tule River wherever possible, shall connect into parks via trails.

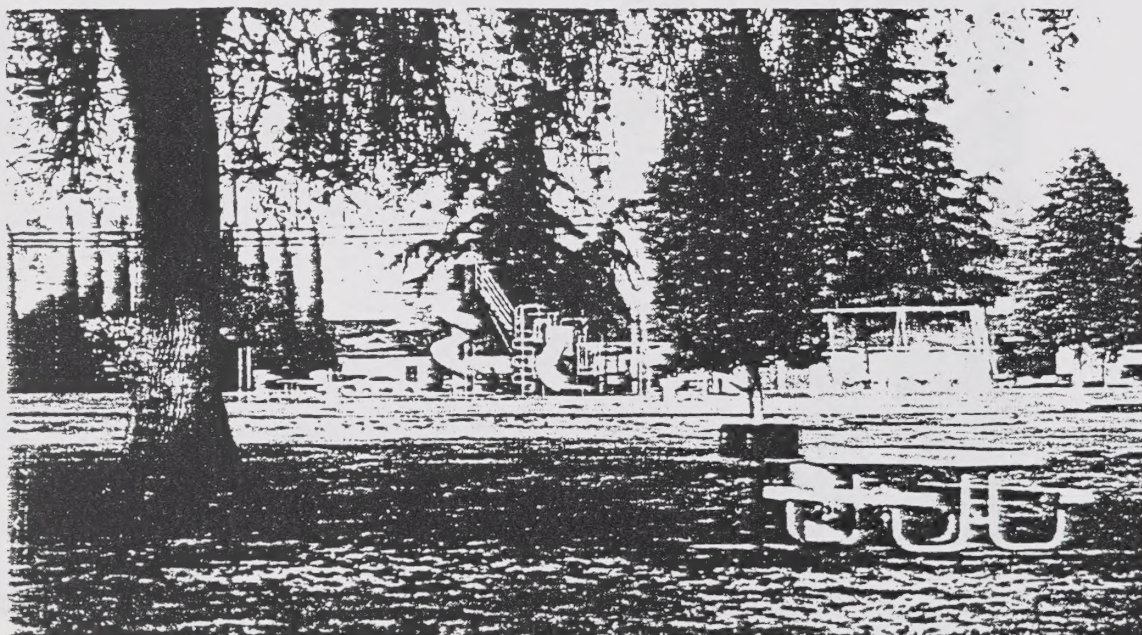
B. THE PLANNING PROCESS

1. General

- 1.1 A step by step planning process over a period of approximately one year has been utilized in the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Element. The consultant team has become familiar with the existing parks facilities and recreation programs through review of previous reports, meetings with staff, and on-site analysis. The consultants have become familiar with the demand for

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parks and recreation in the City through telephone and field surveys and public workshop sessions.

- 1.2 At each stage in the park planning process information has been assembled in reports and drawings for review with staff, commission, council and the public. Response to these reports and maps have become the basis for revisions and alternatives to this plan.
- 1.3 The financial and implementation portion of this Element is in Appendix D. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall pursue public involvement to finalize the priorities and funding mechanisms, and develop public support for the many projects needed in the community as the community continues to grow.
- 1.4 The Parks and Recreation Element should be evaluated every five years and updated every ten years.



2. Parks and Recreation Facilities

- 2.1 The Porterville Parks and Recreation Facilities Survey was conducted to determine the extent of existing improvements in City parks and on school grounds in the City. Data for each facility was collected from plans provided by the City, the school districts and from on-site analysis.

The condition of facilities is relative and subjective. Detailed analysis has not been conducted to determine the structural conditions of any of the facilities.

This portion of the Parks and Recreation Element served as the basis for determining the recreation opportunities that are currently available along with the need for improvements to existing facilities in existing parks, development of new facilities in existing parks and to serve as a guide to necessary facilities in future parks.

- 2.2 The facility survey reveals that a variety of parks exist in the City and generally include fairly extensive, good quality facilities. Plans of each park and school along with a description of the park facilities and recreation program is provided in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The three small neighborhood/pocket parks (Noon Lions, North, and Olivewood Parks) provide a small node of grass and trees for recreation, however, these parks are not sufficient in size to accommodate many of the park facilities that these particular neighborhoods require. Therefore, they do not attract much recreation use. In contrast Zalud Park is large enough to support passive recreation as well as active recreation uses that are important to the neighborhood and community.



- 2.4 A variety of park facilities occur within existing parks. Hayes Field is a typical example of a park with facilities that accommodate active recreation seasonally throughout the year. In contrast, Murry Park with its pond and rolling, wooded landscape is a very important element in the City's need for passive recreation. Another park essential to the community is Veterans Park which provides a mixed use recreation.
- 2.5 Master Plans have already been completed for Murry and Veterans Parks that address their specific facility improvement needs.

FACILITIES SUMMARY MATRIX

	PARKS															
	Community Center	Fairgrounds Muni Ball Park	Hayes Field	Golf Course	Municipal Ball Park	Murry Park	Noon Lions Park	North Park	OHV Park	Olivewood Paik	Veterans Park	Zahud House & Garden	Zalud Park	Tule River Parkway	Rails to Trails	Neighborhood Community Center and Ballfields.
Open Spaces		X														X
Park Benches		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walking and jogging paths						X					X		X	X	X	
Bike Paths											X		X	X	X	
Nature study areas						X					X		X	X		
Family picnic with table						X					X		X			X
Group area for 20-50						X					X		X			X*
Group area for 50-100																X*
Group area for 100+	X															X*
Baseball - 60'			X										X			X*
Baseball - 90'		X			X											X
Softball			X								X					X
Soccer		X									X					X
Volleyball - indoor																
Volleyball - outdoor						X							X			X*
Horseshoes																
Basketball - indoor																
Basketball - outdoor													X			X*
Swimming - indoor																X
Swimming - outdoor						X										X
Tennis - without lights																
Tennis - with lights													X			
Parking	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X			X

*Shared Access Facility on Santa Fe Elementary School Site

FACILITIES SUMMARY MATRIX Cont'd

	PARKS															Neighborhood Community Center and Ballfields.
	Community Center	Fairgrounds Muni Ball Park	Hayes Field	Golf Course	Municipal Ball Park	Murry Park	Noon Lions Park	North Park	OHV Park	Olivewood Park	Veterans Park	Zalud House & Garden	Zalud Park	Tule River Parkway	Rails to Trails	
Handball																
Aerobics - indoor																X*
Dance - indoor	X															X*
Football		X														
Track																
Band Stage	X	X														X*
Tot lot playground/age 1-5	X					X	X			X	X		X			X
Playground/age 6-10	X					X	X			X	X					
All day child care																X
After school child care																X
City organized child care	X															X
Restrooms	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X			X
Parks Office																
Exercise course																
Concession Stand			X		X											X
Roller Hockey													X			
Skateboard Park											X					
Arts and Crafts																X
Library																X
Computer Lab																X
Recreation Games Room																X

*Shared Access Facility on Santa Fe Elementary School Site

FACILITIES SUMMARY MATRIX

SCHOOLS

	Bartlett JHS	Bellevue ES	Burton ES	Burton IS	Citrus HS	Granite Hills HS	John J Doyle ES	Los Robles ES	Monache HS	Monte Vista ES	Oakgrove ES	Olive Street ES	Pioneer MS	Porterville JC	Porterville HS	Roche ES	Vandalia ES	Westfield ES	West Putnam ES	Santa Fe ES
Park Benches												X				X		X	X	X
Walking and jogging paths														X						
Bike Paths																				
Nature Study Areas		X					X	X												
Family picnic with table																				
Group area for 20-50																				X
Group area for 50-100																				X
Group area for 100+																				X
Baseball - 60'					X				X					X	X					X
Baseball - 90'									X											X*
Softball									X					X	X					X
Soccer	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
Volleyball - indoor									X					X	X					X
Volleyball - outdoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Horseshoes																				
Basketball - indoor	X								X				X	X	X					X
Basketball - outdoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swimming - indoor																				
Swimming - outdoor									X	X				X	X					
Tennis - without Lights									X						X					
Tennis - with Lights														X						
Parking	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Archery									X											
Lawn Bowling																				
Shuffleboard																				
Handball		X					X					X				X				
Racketball																				
Aerobics - Indoor																				X
Dance - Indoor																				X
Badminton - Indoor						X			X					X	X					X
Football	X					X			X					X	X					
Track						X			X					X	X					
Band Stage									X											X
Tot Lot Playground/Age 1-5		X	X							X	X	X				X				
Playground/Age 6-10																				X
All Day Child Care																				
After School Child Care																				
City Organized Child Care	X		X					X			X	X					X	X		
Child Care Facility at School																				
Classrooms	X													X						X
Restrooms	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parks Office																				
Exercise Course	X								X							X			X	

*Shared access facilities on Neighborhood Community Center site.

3. User Needs Survey

- 3.1 The methodology for determining the parks and recreation needs of the community involved two types of surveys prepared by the consultants, administered by City staff and then tabulated by the consultant.

For the telephone survey, residents were randomly selected from numbers in the Porterville telephone directory. Approximately 125 telephone calls were made during the summer of 1992.

The field surveys were completed at Murry Park, Veterans Park, Hayes Field, Zalud Park and Porterville College ballfield during the summer of 1992. A total of 128 surveys were completed by park users.

- 3.2 The telephone survey results indicate a high use of parks by residents with 95% of those surveyed stating that they use Porterville parks at some time during the year.

City parks receive nearly three times more regular use by Porterville residents than parks outside the City. While only eleven percent of residents use parks outside the City on a daily and weekly frequency, thirty percent of the residents use City parks either daily or weekly.

The residents of Porterville are fortunate to have nearby access to Bartlett Park, Lake Success, and Sequoia National Park, however the survey indicates they, along with other parks outside the City, primarily serve a seasonal use.

Schoolgrounds also receive considerable use for non-school related recreation.

Although more than 85% of the residents surveyed considered the parks adequately maintained, thirty respondents would like to see cleaner restrooms.

- 3.3 Figure 4 indicates the ranking of importance for a series of passive park uses. Note that all of these uses received a rating of between important and very important. It would appear that all of these passive use facilities should be included in parks wherever possible.

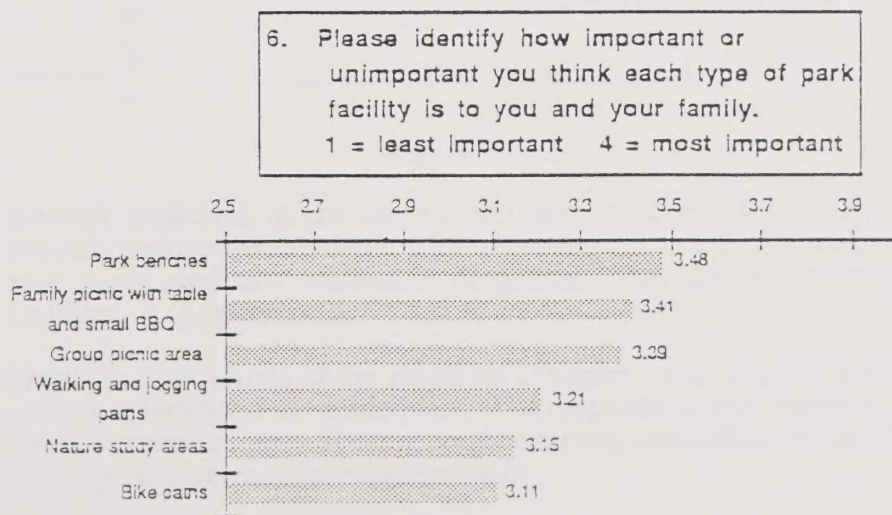


Figure 4

- 3.4 Figure 5 illustrates the ranking of importance of sport facilities. Considering the hot summer climate and the timing of the survey it is not surprising that swimming is the highest ranking sports activity. Only baseball and swimming are rated between important and very important. All other sports activities, except handball, are rated above 2.5, the division between important and unimportant.

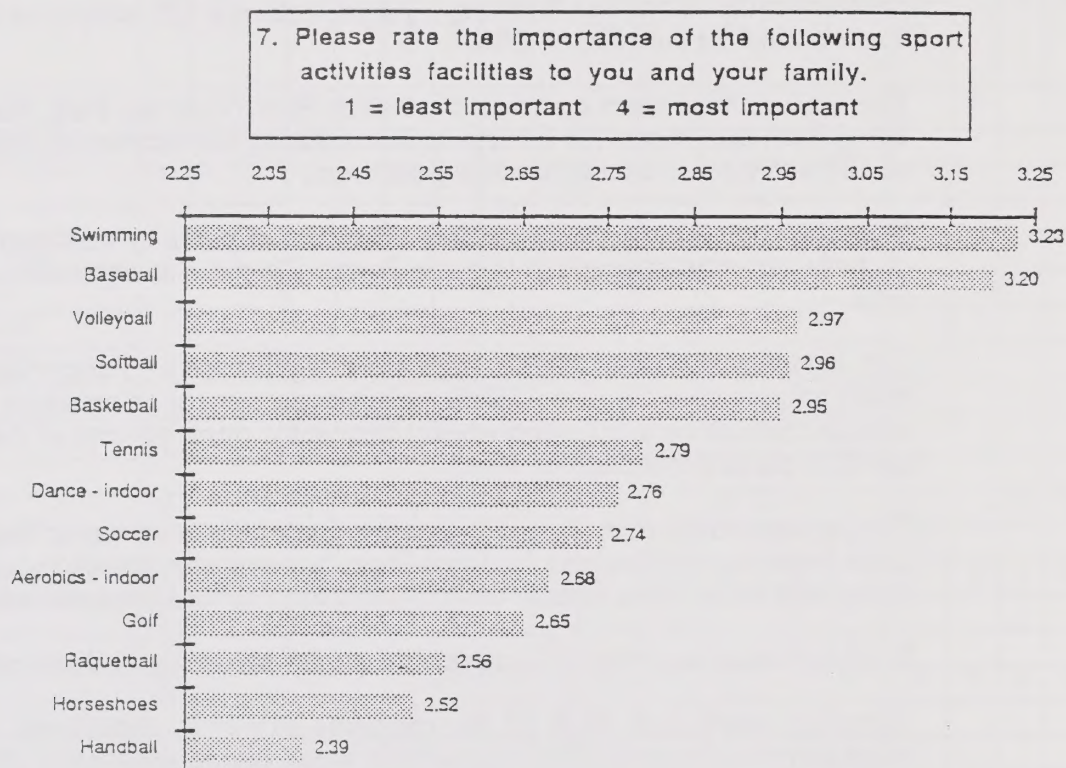


Figure 5

- 3.5 Childrens' facilities and child care possibilities are all rated high on the scale between 3.29 and 3.72. The importance of playgrounds rated highest; all-day child care rated lowest.

3.6 Special recreation programs were all rated as important as noted in Figure 6:

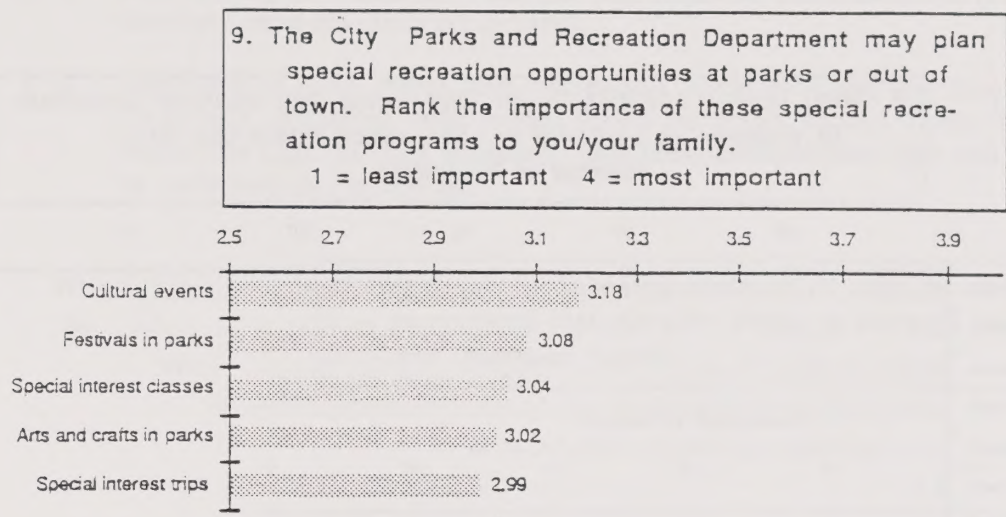


Figure 6

3.7 Planting trees in Porterville is very important to residents as indicated in Figure 7. The City has many beautiful tree-lined streets. According to the survey, the residents want more street trees planted.

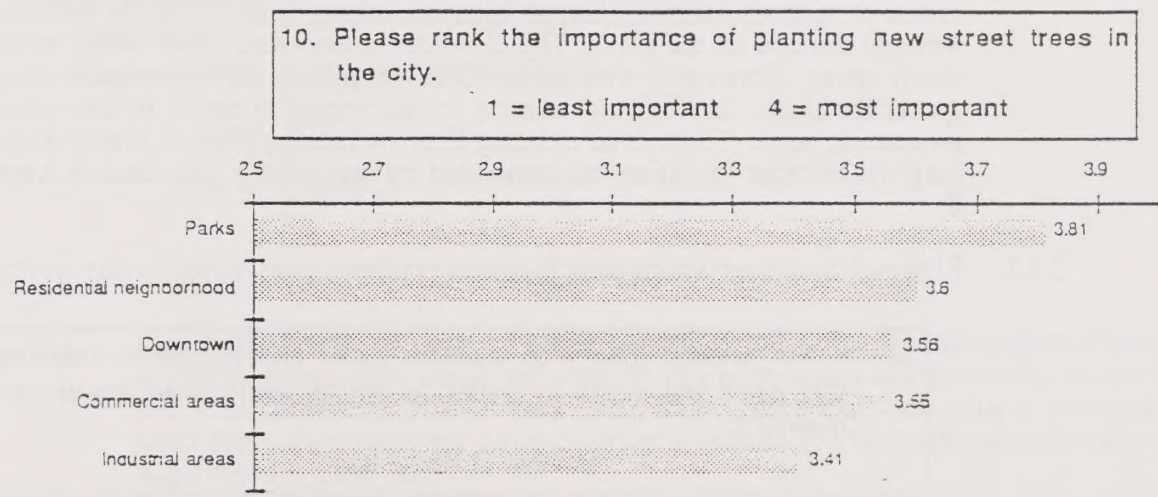


Figure 7

3.8 Several questions in the survey provided residents with an opportunity to provide their recommendations for improvement to existing parks, facilities for new parks, and new recreation programs. The list of recommendations is included in Appendix B.

3.9 More than two-thirds of the residents consider the amount of park facilities in their neighborhood to be adequate. The response to this question is surprising since thirteen of the nineteen neighborhoods identified in the City have no existing parks within the neighborhood.

- 3.10 The residents of Porterville want to preserve the unique qualities of the City as indicated in the Figure 8.

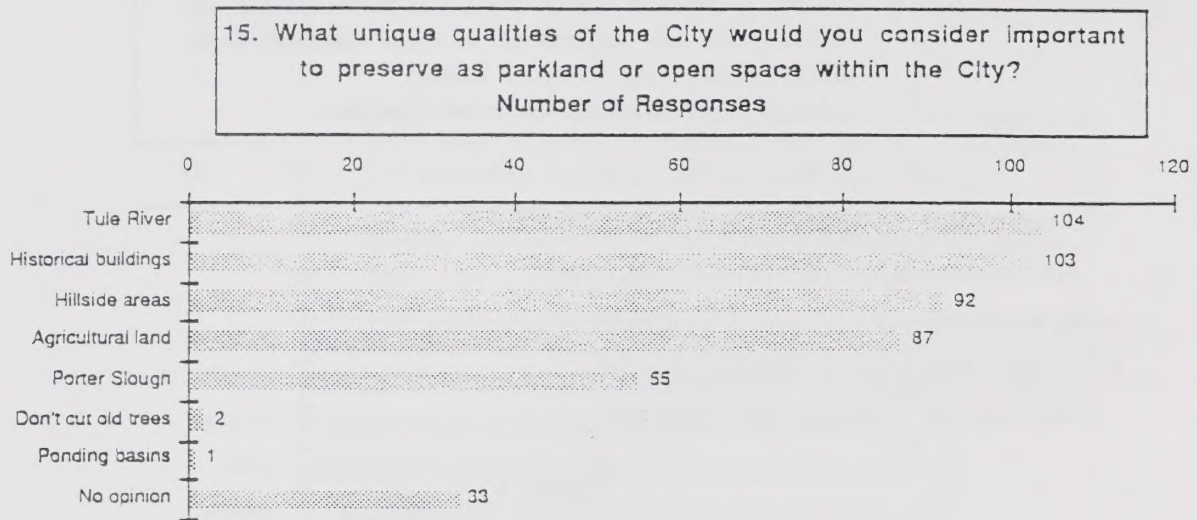


Figure 8

- 3.11 A wide range of locations are indicated in the survey for a new community center or sports center. By far the highest ranking is to locate the facility in the western portion of the City. The Downtown area and other areas were rated much lower. Consistent with the question regarding the importance of specific sports facilities, the highest ranking for activities to occur in the center is a swimming pool. There is an existing City swimming pool at Murry Park. The long list of other facilities recommended by residents is included in Appendix B.

- 3.12 Figure 9 indicates which park facilities residents are willing to pay to reserve.

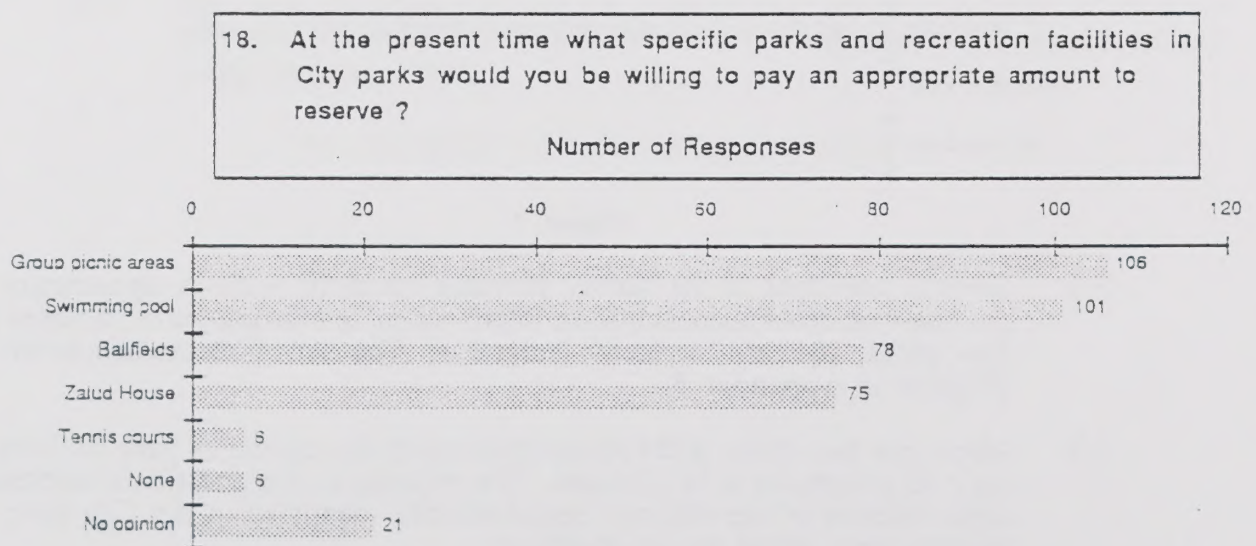


Figure 9

- 3.13 Most residents would be willing to pay more for park facilities if the facilities that they need are included in parks.
- 3.14 Methods to fund parks and recreation were selected by those surveyed. Generally, residents believe that funds for parks should come from sources within the City through donations, user fees, development fees and assessments as indicated in Figure 10.

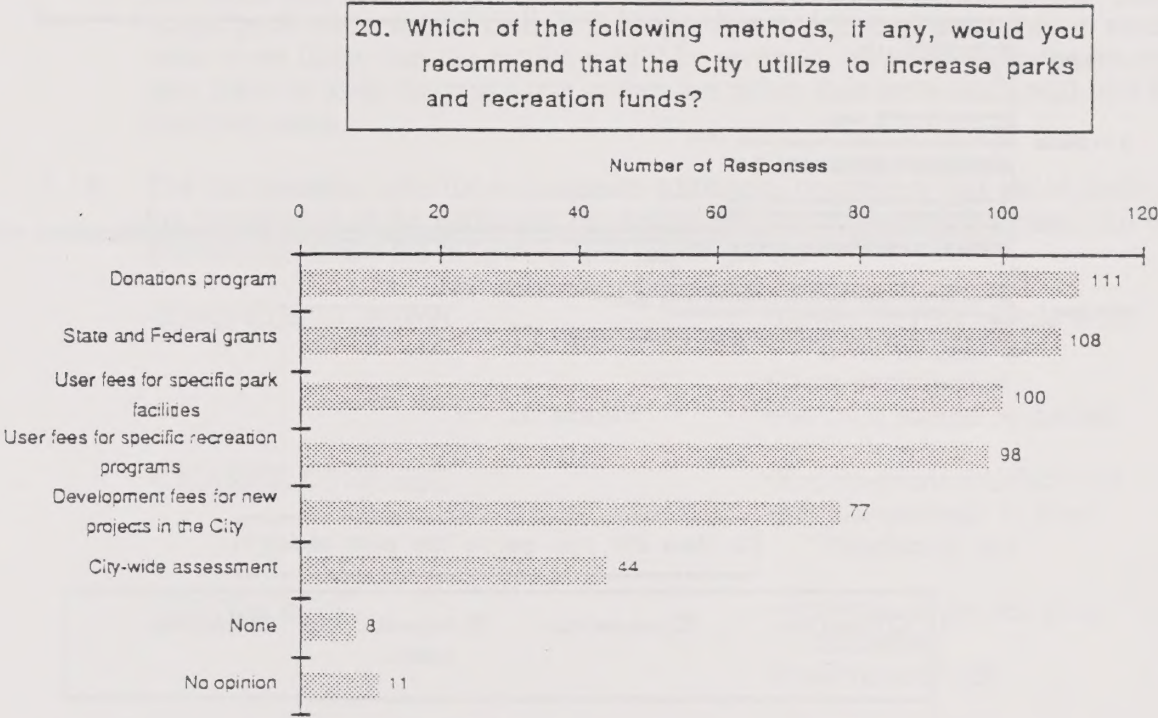


Figure 10

- 3.15 The field surveys requested information about the distance and method of travel to parks. Since most neighborhoods do not have parks in Porterville, as can be expected more than 50% of park users travel more than one mile to visit parks and nearly three-quarters of users drive a vehicle to visit parks as indicated on Figures 11 and 12.

2. How far do you live from this park?

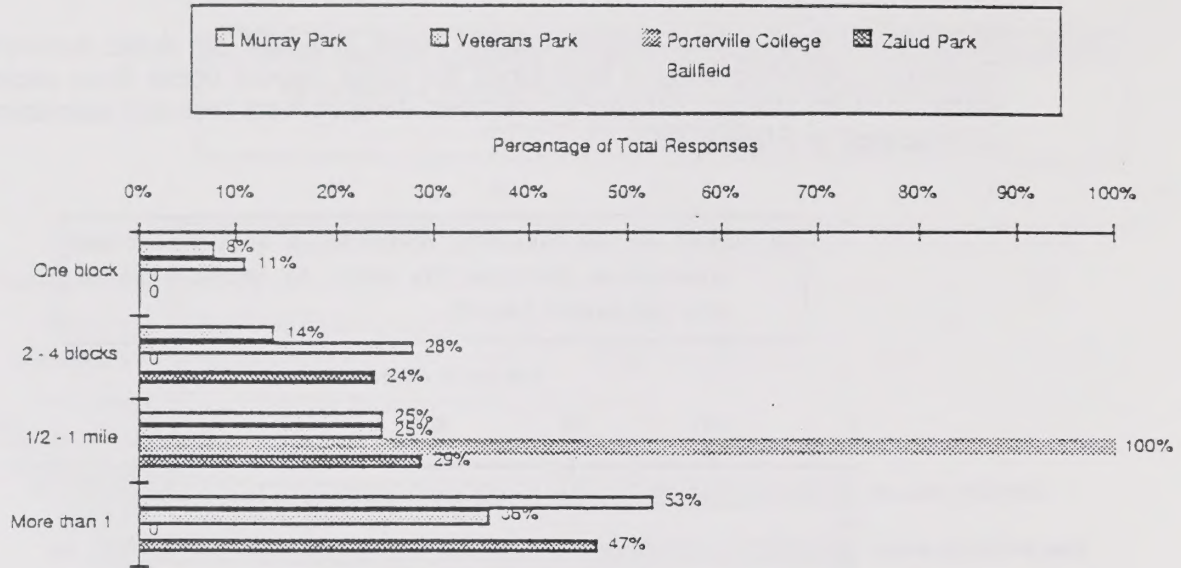


Figure 11

3. How did you get to the park today?

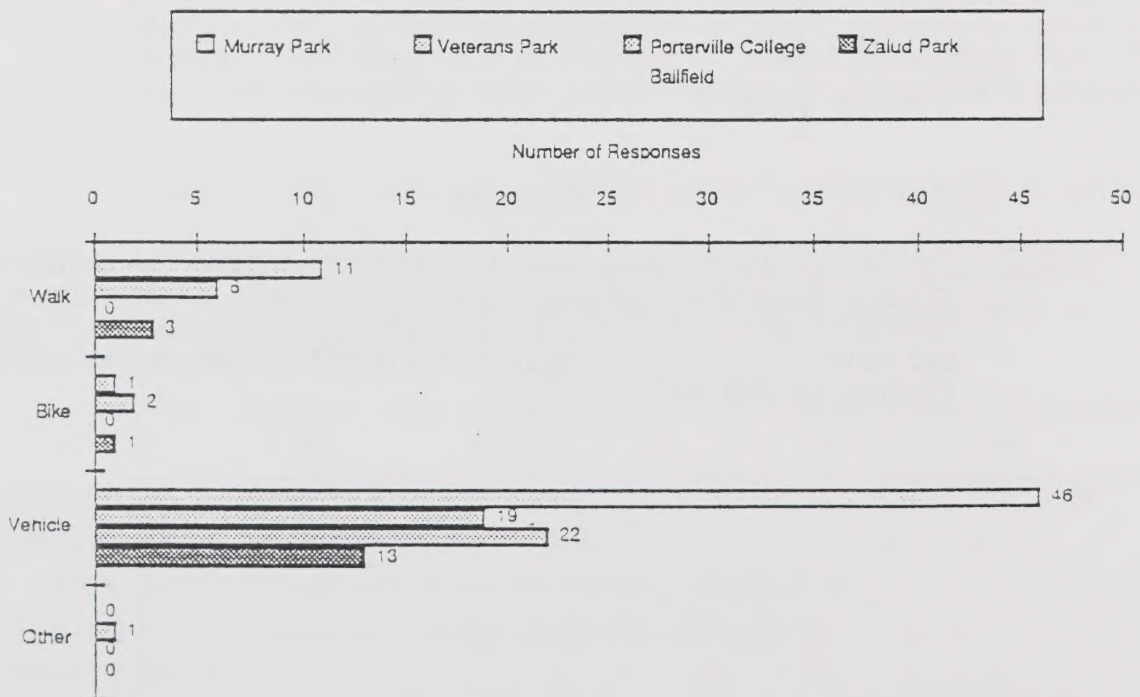


Figure 12

3.16 The field surveys indicate that 60% of the park users also use other Porterville parks beside the one they were visiting at the time of the survey. Perhaps more surprising is that 40% of park users only visit one park in the City.

- 3.17 The individual field survey indicates that people visit the parks for a wide range of activities, both passive and active, but 28% of the park users only use the park for a single activity which is generally either use of the childrens' playground or ballfield.
- 3.18 Regarding park fees, only 44% of park users surveyed stated that they would be willing to pay additional park fees if desired improvements were constructed. This is in contrast to a much higher percentage of general residents willing to pay more fees for desired improvements when contacted by telephone. Since actual park users would benefit the most from park improvements it would seem more likely that the results would be reversed, however many park users may prefer to keep existing parks as they are rather than incur additional fees for improvements.
- 3.19 The last question asks for respondents additional comments that could assist in the preparation of the parks and recreation element of the general plan. All the answers fell under the following four major groups:
- KEEP COSTS DOWN
 - Lower fees for people with lower income
 - More participation
 - No child should be denied
 - CHARGE USER FEE
 - For programs and facilities
 - For playgrounds to keep "deadbeats" out
 - TEENAGERS
 - Activities to prevent gang affiliation
 - Positive activities
 - POOL
 - More friendly lifeguards
 - Need good swimming instructors
 - Open pool at 5:30 AM for working people
- 3.20 Recent state and national surveys and reports indicate strong support for parks and recreation. The President's Commission on American Outdoors, 1987, states that Americans particularly enjoy walking, swimming, team sports, and bicycling. There is a movement toward more physically demanding activities. The study indicates that people use neighborhood and community parks for the majority of these activities.

4. Public Workshop

- 4.1 A community workshop session was held before any recommendations were developed for parks in the City. This workshop provided an opportunity for residents to get in at the "ground floor" and to have their concerns voiced early in the process. Where these recommendations relate to particular parks they were depicted on a large scale map for the Parks and Recreation Commission review.

- 4.2 Each team consisted of several individuals and each team member was encouraged to state his desires for general or specific park and recreation improvements.
- 4.3 The conclusions from each team were presented to the workshop and are summarized in Appendix C.
- 4.4 The general comments applied to both existing and future parks. A need for development fees was stated to help fund necessary expansion of the parks system to keep pace with urban growth. A need for lighted sports fields to expand the usefulness of facilities was identified.
- 4.5 There were specific comments for each existing park along with recommendations that apply to specific areas of the City, Tule River, Porter Slough and airport area.

5. Opportunities and Constraints Summary

- 5.1 Following a review of existing parks facilities, analysis of telephone and field surveys and a community workshop, information on parks and recreation opportunities in the City was developed. Where these opportunities and constraints related to a particular park they were depicted on a large scale map for the Parks and Recreation Commission review. This information is summarized below.
- 5.2 Opportunities
 - 5.2.1 In order to provide adequate park space for residents now and in the future, land should be purchased in advance of high development pressure and escalating land costs.



- 5.2.2 The existing park system along with undeveloped land in the City makes it possible to provide a park system that distributes parks throughout the City with neighborhood parks serving the residents in different neighborhoods in the City.
- 5.2.3 Public schools in the City have school grounds which have been developed with recreation facilities. These facilities are used for City recreation programs. An opportunity exists to work with the schools to improve their facilities and thereby improve City recreation opportunities.
- 5.2.4 Porterville College also has recreation facilities that are utilized by the public through the Department of Parks and Leisure Services.
- 5.2.5 The Tule River affords many open space and park opportunities as outlined in the Tule River Parkway Master Plan. Additional land adjacent to the parkway should be considered for parks which benefit from being adjacent to larger open spaces forming a large interconnected network of parks and open space.



- 5.2.6 Rights-of-way of many arterial streets could be utilized to create attractive avenues of trees. City residents have indicated a very high desire to have more street trees in the City.
- 5.2.7 Several existing parks and schools occur along arterial streets in the City providing an opportunity for community open space. The value of visual open space within the City for motorists is important since it represents the most regular contact with the open space for many residents.
- 5.2.8 The land designated for drainage basins has value for multi-use for parks, recreation and open space.

5.2.9 County, State and Federal parks occur in fairly close proximity to Porterville providing residents with large natural areas to enjoy.

5.3 Constraints

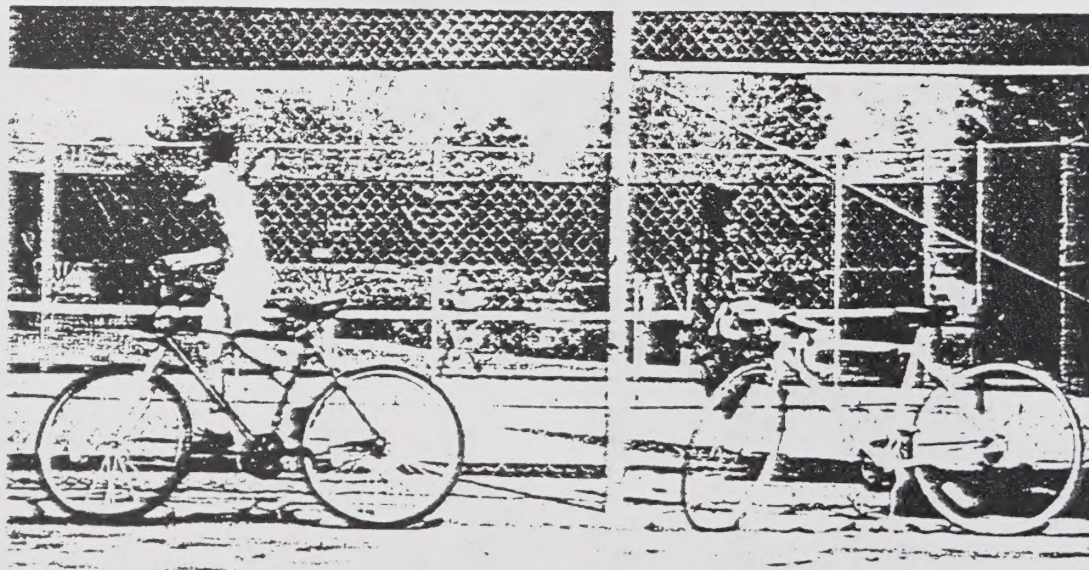
5.3.1 The high cost of park facilities can create an economic burden that makes providing needed parks difficult for the City. Identifying the importance that parks play in health and quality of life for residents of Porterville is part of the role of this report.

5.3.2 Scheduling conflicts exist at City parks especially ballfields since the demand for fields exceeds the supply.

5.3.3 None of the parks provide good opportunities for major community events.

5.3.4 Regarding combining parks and drainage basins, additional land beyond the required drainage basin area is needed to create an attractive park that is not simply "a hole in the ground".

5.3.5 Lack of available land for parks in the developed portion of west Porterville limits the opportunity to meet the park needs of the residents of that area.



C. NEIGHBORHOODS

1. General

1.1 A city is made up of neighborhoods. These areas within the urban boundary of Porterville are sometimes separated by strong physical barriers such as the Tule River, Highways 65 and 190, or the railroad tracks. Other boundaries are less defined and occur more as a transition of age of homes or separation by arterial streets. Neighborhoods create an urban pattern that helps define the appropriate location of schools, markets and parks.

- 1.2 The following are neighborhoods defined for this report which help identify park needs. A neighborhood park is considered to be in easy walking distance from the homes in that neighborhood. Generally, it is anticipated that each neighborhood should include an elementary school and a neighborhood park, however a single park, appropriately located, can serve more than one neighborhood.

Area 1

Future growth area; mostly undeveloped
One elementary school sites planned
One Middle School planned
Existing elementary school - oak grove
Adjacent to Monache High School
No parks
*Good potential for school/park development
Potential for high quality neighborhood
Consider open space network
Level productive land; community allotment gardens
Potential for Community Center location

Area 2

Mostly developed
One elementary school
One high school
No parks; Hayes Field across freeway
Need park site, but limited space available
Three future drainage basins
*Look closely at potential to expand at least one of the two southern basins into park site

Area 3

No schools
Isolated neighborhood
Hayes Field which includes no passive park features
Mostly developed with some open areas
*Review need for park in this area, and review possible sites

Area 4

Long linear neighborhood
Isolated
Adjacent to future growth area, but separated by railroad with narrow road crossing to Area 5
Adjacent to future drainage basin
No park
*Determine need and location for small park/hillside

Area 5

Future growth area, very large valley and hillside character; potential high quality neighborhood
One elementary school, new school
One drainage basin proposed, edge of area
No parks
*Consider large park
Consider open space network

Area 6

Future growth area, approximately 50% developed
One existing elementary school
One existing middle school
One proposed elementary school
No parks
West boundary Tule River and Friant Kern Canal
*Consider riverside park and/or school park

Area 7

Mostly built-out area
One elementary school

Adjacent to high school
Veterans Park and open space areas
Future basin
*Unlikely to require additional parkland
Potential for Community Center location

Area 8

Almost totally built-out area
One elementary school
One parochial school
One middle school
One passive and active park at very NE edge of the area
All features on east side
Porter Slough bisects area
*Possible park off Porter Slough, if needed

Area 9

Downtown area almost completely developed
No schools, minimum residential development
One park: historic Zalud House
One senior citizens center
*Probably no future parks, except possible urban plaza and community center in redevelopment area

Area 10

Residential area south of downtown and north of Tule River
Mixed use area, railroad, two sides
One continuation high school
No parks
Isolated neighborhood
*Consider small park, possibly along Tule River

Area 11

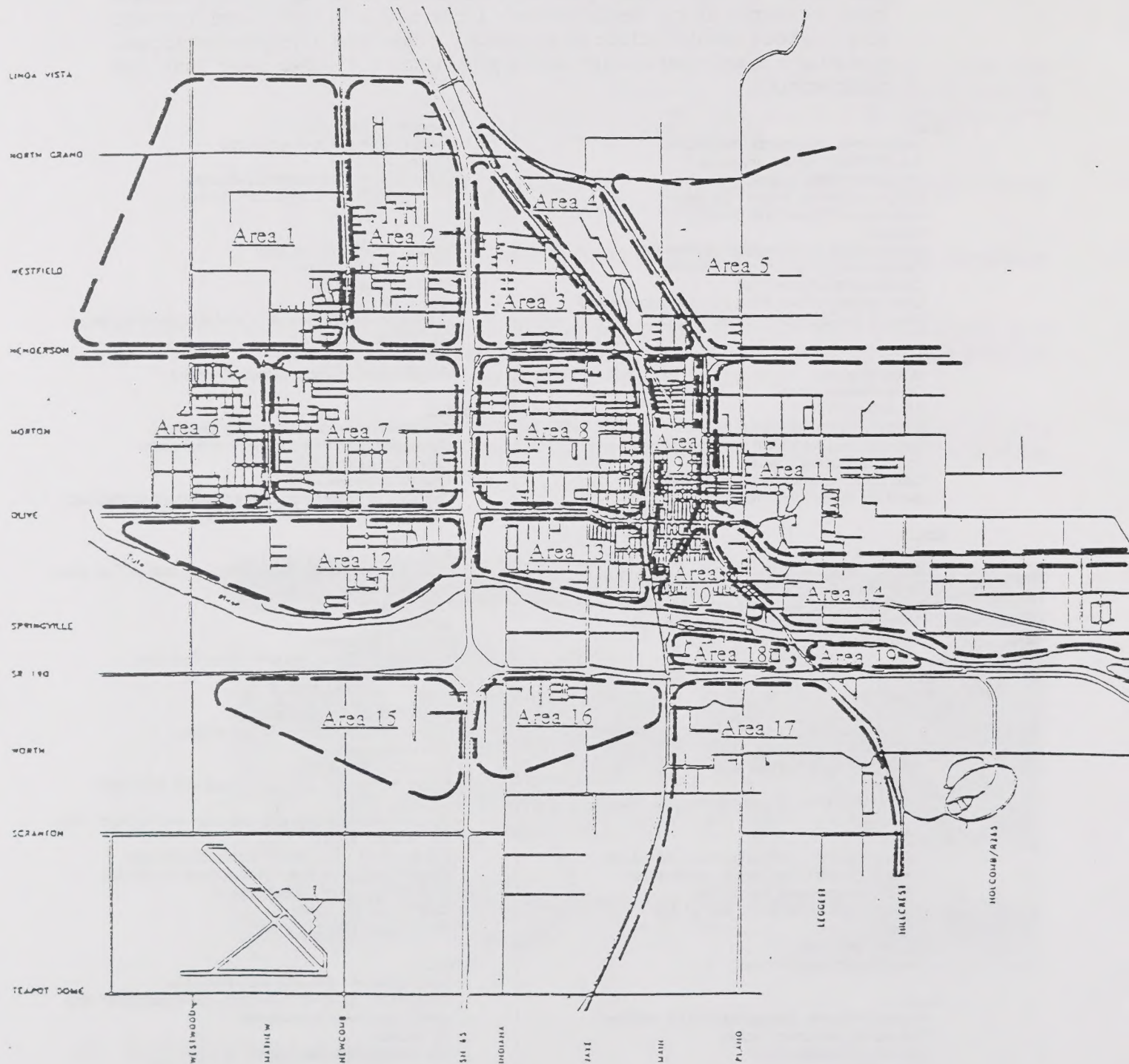
Approximately 40-50% developed
One elementary school, west side of area
One large cemetery
One future high school
Future growth area, high quality area with older neighborhood
Possibly two neighborhoods, one older west of Murry Park, one new east of park
Potential for hillside park on eastern hillside area
Review area and proposed developments for potential park sites as part of drainage basins
Community golf course
Two drainage basins proposed

Area 12

Long linear area with east/west orientation
Adjacent to Tule River; east portion developed; other areas already planned for development
No schools
One elementary school planned
No parks
Consider Tule River park with portion in flood plain and portion not in flood plain

Area 13

Mostly developed north of Tule River
One elementary school
One high school



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One small pocket park
Careful review of possible parkland along Tule River

Area 14

Mostly developed, old Porterville
Large lot with small pastures
One elementary school
One drainage basin east boundary bisected by Porter Slough
Low-lying area along the Tule River
*Consider parkland along the river and/or along Porter Slough, or along Success Drive
*Consider school/park; highly desirable with bridge across Porter Slough

Area 15

Isolated neighborhood south of Hwy. 190 west of Hwy. 65
No schools
No parks
Small residential area
Consider parkland acquisition for neighborhood park

Area 16

Isolated neighborhood south of Hwy. 190 and east of Hwy. 65
No schools
No parks
Drainage basin proposed
Consider small neighborhood park related to basin

Area 17

Sparsely developed area around junior college
One elementary school
One middle school
One Junior College
Potential future growth area
*Consider potential school, park with parkland east of existing schools

Area 18

Small isolated neighborhood south of Tule River and north of Hwy 190
No schools
No parks
Commercial/residential use
Consider potential small park to tie into Tule River corridor

Area 19

Small isolated neighborhood south of Tule River, north of Hwy 190 and east of railroad
No parks
No schools
Residential use with some open land
Consider potential small neighborhood park with access to Tule River corridor

D. PARK AND RECREATION OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND STANDARDS

1. General

- 1.1 The following objectives and policies will be utilized by the City of Porterville to provide a park and recreation system to meet the needs of all age and income groups within the community.

2. Objectives

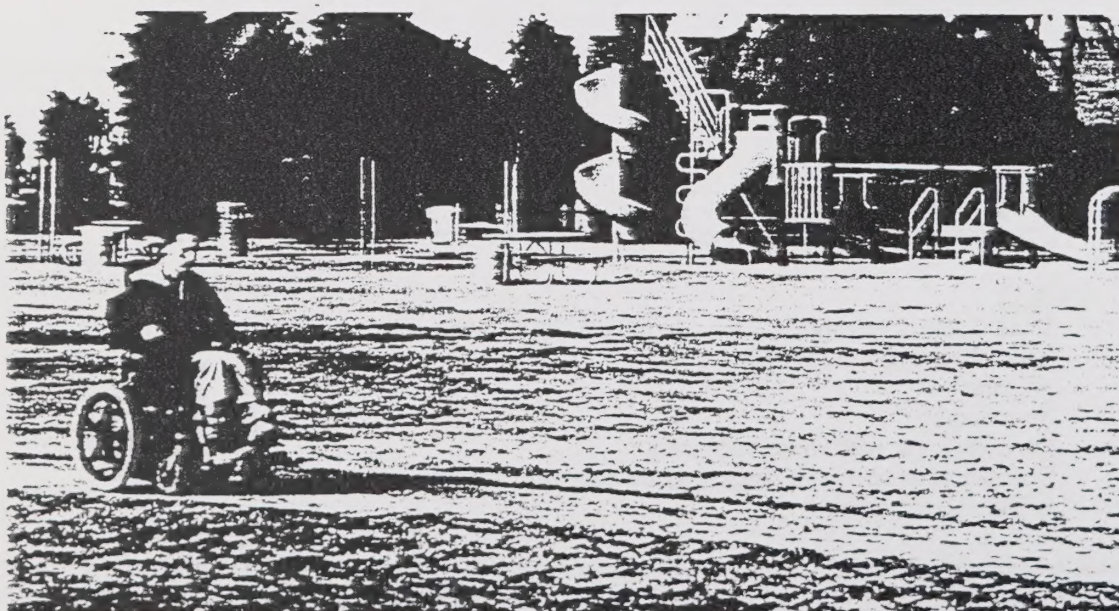
- 2.1 To establish a system of parks and recreation facilities sufficiently diverse in design to effectively serve the needs and desires of all the citizens of Porterville.
- 2.2 To provide park and recreation facilities within close proximity to the residents they are designed to serve.

3. General Policies

- 3.1 Whenever feasible, neighborhood parks shall be located adjacent to elementary school playgrounds to increase the potential for multiple use of facilities and to locate them as close as possible to the center of the geographical area they are designed to serve.

Where additional land adjacent to schools is not available efforts shall be made to cooperatively work with school districts to develop park facilities or improve existing facilities on the school grounds to increase the public recreational use of school grounds.

- 3.2 New neighborhood parks and elementary schools shall be designed as a unit to encourage joint use as a neighborhood activity center.

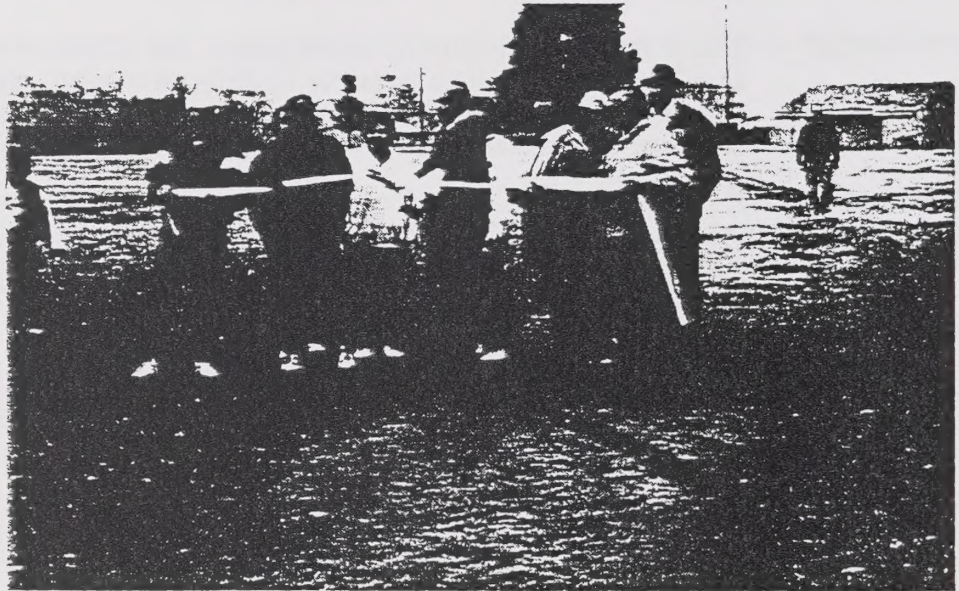


- 3.3 Whenever possible, parks shall be linked together by a system of trails and/or open space.
- 3.4 Parks shall be designed to be accessible to handicapped persons under the specification of the American Disabilities Act.
- 3.5 Park facilities shall be distributed throughout the entire city as related parts of a unified, balanced system. Each site should be as centrally located as possible within its service area to serve the leisure needs and stimulate social interaction within the area.
- 3.6 The size and design of activity areas with facilities shall be regarded as flexible, so as to be adaptable to changes in the population served and in the recreation program offered for meeting changing needs.
- 3.7 The planning, acquisition, development and administration of park facilities shall reflect the fullest possible coordination with other public agencies to ensure that the citizen receives the maximum from his/her tax dollar. Park facilities shall be acquired or reserved as far in advance of development of an area as possible.
- 3.8 The City shall consider adoption of a Park Acquisition and Development fee to provide for park expansion since the City's growing population creates a greater burden upon existing parks.
- 3.9 Upon residents approval, the formation of open space acquisition and maintenance districts shall be encouraged to provide park and recreation areas close to home.
- 3.10 Before any city-owned land is offered for sale, it shall be evaluated by the Planning Division and the Parks and Leisure Services Department for use as parkland.
- 3.11 Each City park shall be developed to provide a range of facilities that can be used by all citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, gender or religion.

4. Specific Policies

- 4.1 An appropriate ratio of passive and active uses in each park type shall be provided to ensure that all parks provide the potential for passive, restful relaxation. No parks shall be border to border activity. A major portion of some parks shall be for passive activity while a major portion of other parks may be active recreation.
- 4.2 Improvements to existing parks shall follow the approved master plans for each park unless said plans are modified. High quality facilities shall be constructed which are durable and require low maintenance, wherever possible. Other improvements to existing parks shall be for the purpose of reducing maintenance cost and water use, along with improving safety and aesthetics.
- 4.3 In the overall development plan there shall be a balance between revitalization of existing facilities, parkland acquisition and development of new parks. This balance is identified in the priority chart incorporated within this element. The priority system is not rigid. Opportunities that occur out of order shall be taken advantage of to keep parks and recreation improvements synchronized with development.

- 4.4 Parks shall be located as an attachment to the Tule River Parkway when supported by the Parkway Master Plan, thereby establishing a parks, recreation and open space network that attracts people to enjoy the single most important natural feature in the City.
- 4.5 Parks shall be located, wherever possible, along city arterial and collector streets. Parks located along arterial and collector streets help prevent community-wide traffic from impacting local neighborhood streets and provide important community open space, and thereby improve the pedestrian and esthetic quality of the major streets. Parks located along arterial and collector routes are more easily patrolled by police so that parks are safer.



- 4.6 Where possible parks shall be developed in conjunction with drainage basins to create a larger combined open space along with additional space for active and passive recreation. Safety concerns must be addressed. Adequate space at or above street level must be provided to avoid a "hole in the ground" feeling to the park.

5. Neighborhood Parks Policies

- 5.1 Wherever possible, park facilities shall be provided in each neighborhood in the city.
- 5.2 Basic neighborhood facilities can include:
- 1.3 acres of parkland/1000 people with a minimum park size of 3 acres
 - childrens' playground
 - hardcourt area with basketball hoops
 - open field adequate for informal softball/soccer
 - drinking fountains
 - family picnic tables and BBQ
 - trash receptacles
 - walkways
 - benches
 - trees

- grass
- irrigation system (automatic)
- open space
- bike parking
- trees, shrubs, and grass
- safety lighting only

Optional facilities include:

- covered picnic area for small groups

5.3 Neighborhood park facilities may be contained within community parks.

5.4 Depending on the site character and surrounding land use, some neighborhood parks may focus on passive uses while other neighborhood parks may focus on active uses.

6. Community Parks Policies

6.1 Commensurate with city growth, community park facilities shall be provided at several locations in the city with emphasis on active recreation facilities for organized programs.

6.2 Basic community facilities can include basic neighborhood facilities plus:

- 2.2 acres of parkland/1000 people with a minimum park size of 8 acres
- group picnic facilities for groups of 75-200 people with covered pavilion, tables, large BBQ and trash receptacles
- sports fields including baseball, softball and soccer with space for spectators
- on-site parking
- recreation building
- exercise course
- restroom

6.3 Additional facilities may include:

- tennis courts
- swimming pool
- concession stand
- sports center with gym, racketball courts, weight room, classrooms, multi-purpose area
- nature study
- community center

6.4 Community facilities of a specialized nature may be developed to service the particular interest of the community and may include:

- golf course
- nature study
- special events area

6.5 Not all community facilities should occur at each community park, but based on need shall occur at various city parks.

6.6 Whenever feasible active community sports facilities shall be lighted for extended usability.

- 6.7 Depending on the site character and surrounding land uses, some community parks may focus on passive uses while other community parks may focus on active uses.

7. Recreation Programs Policies

- 7.1 Emphasis shall be placed on providing sufficient facilities and staffing to accommodate the most popular and needed activities, especially for children including youth sports and child care.
- 7.2 A diversity of recreation programs shall be introduced on a small scale, expanded if sufficient interest exists and contracted or eliminated if interest does not exist.
- 7.3 Community support and adult leadership for high activity recreation programs shall continue to be encouraged with specific organizational structure and board members.
- 7.4 Detailed requirements for large community festival areas shall be incorporated in new community parks.
- 7.5 Continued expansion of city recreation opportunities on school properties with a direct relationship between the school districts and Parks and Leisure Service Department shall be pursued through the Joint Use Committee.
- 7.6 Recreation programs open to all citizens shall be developed for each park.

8. Park Acreage Standard

- 8.1 Based upon the current amount of parkland serving the current population the standard shall be 3.5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 persons.
- 8.2 Estimated total parkland based on a proposed general area population of 87,288 persons by the year 2013, would be 306 acres.

Table 1. City of Porterville Historic
and Projected Population

	CITY POPULATION	CITY/URBAN FRINGE/POPULATION
1980	19,707	28,000
1985	24,002	*** 34,083
1990	29,563	*** 41,000
* 1993	31,867	*** 45,305
1995	33,121	*** 47,087
2000	39,337	*** 55,924
2005	46,720	*** 66,421
2010	55,489	*** 78,887
** 2013	61,397	*** 87,288

Population data, except as noted below, from 1990 Land Use, Circulation, Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan.

- * Intermediate population interpolated from table.
- ** Extended population based on the same population increase percentage.
- *** Estimates of population of Porterville combined with unincorporated urban fringe areas extended from estimate of the population figures from 1980 data.

As this table indicates the population of Porterville is projected to increase at an average rate of 3.5% per year for the next 20 years.

Table 2. Existing Park Acreage

		PARK ACREAGE	ADJUSTED PARK ACREAGE
	<u>EXISTING</u>		
1.	Hayes Field	7.50	7.50
2.	Murry Park	36.06	36.06
3.	Golf Course	38.00	(A) .00
4.	Noon Lions Park	.25	.25
5.	North Park	.25	.25
6.	Olivewood Park	.25	.25
7.	Veterans Park	26.00	26.00
8.	Zalud Park	15.00	15.00
9.	Community Center	.67	.67
10.	Fairgrounds/Ballpark	10.00	10.00
11.	Horse Arena	.25	(A) .00
12.	Library	.41	.41
13.	Swimming Pool	.23	.23
14.	Airport Open Space Area	55.00	(A) .00
15.	Zalud House & Garden	.25	.25
16.	Porterville College Ballfields	.00	(B) 5.00
17.	Pioneer School Ballfield	.00	(B) 2.50
18.	Barn Theater	1.00	1.00
	TOTAL EXISTING PARKS	191.12	105.37

(A) Excluded from adjusted park acreage figure due to special recreation use.

(B) Included in adjusted park acreage figure due to school acreage developed for organized city recreation.

105.37 acres equals 3.5 ac/1000 people based on the 1990 census of city population of 29,563.

Table 3. Proposed Parks

		PARK ACREAGE
19.	Burton Schools Ballfields	13.00
20.	Porter Slough Park	18.00
21.	Los Robles Park	7.00
22.	East Morton Park	15.00
23.	West Tule River Park	29.00
24.	Oxbow Park	3.00
25.	Railroad Park	21.00
26.	Headgate Park	3.00
27.	North Plano Park	30.00
28.	Airport Open Space Area	37.00
29.	Floating Park NW	5.00
30.	Floating Park N	10.00
31.	Floating Park NE	5.00
32.	Floating Park SW	5.00
	Proposed PARK ACREAGE	201.00

The TOTAL PARK ACREAGE from Tables 1 and 2 is 306.37 acres, which equals 3.5 acres/1000 people based on the year 2013 projected Porterville urban area population of 87,288.

9. Facility Development Standards

- 9.1 The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides recommended standards for a wide range of sports facilities that may occur in parks. These standards are based on population.
- 9.2 Table 4 indicates the following:
 - 9.2.1 NRPA standard for Porterville at the present time for each type of sports facility.
 - 9.2.2 NRPA standard for Porterville for the projected population in the year 2013 or the end of the planning period for this element.
 - 9.2.3 Since this plan proposes to provide 35% of the NRPA standard for park acreage it follows that the City will also provide = 35% of the recommended facilities in the parks. The actual amount of sports facilities provided in Porterville is a combination of park sports facilities and school sports facilities. The City has provided funds to develop and maintain sports facilities on school grounds.

Table 4. Suggested Facility Development Standards*

ACTIVITY/FACILITY	NO. OF UNITS PER POPULATION	NRPA STANDARD 1993 ± 40,000	NRPA STANDARD 2013 ± 80,000	PROPOSED BASED ON 35% OF STANDARD	EXISTING IN PARKS 1993	TO BE ADDED BY 2013
Badminton	1 per 5,000	8	16	6	0	5 (A)
Basketball	1 per 5,000	8	16	6	2	4
Handball 3-4 Wall	1 per 20,000	2	4	2	0	0 (B)
Tennis	1 per 2,000	20	40	14 (C)	2	12
Volleyball	1 court per 5,000	8	16	6	1	5
Baseball						
Official Lighted	1 per 30,000	1	2-3	1	1	0
Little League	1 per 5,000	8	16	6	2	4
Field Hockey	1 per 20,000	2	4	1 (D)	0	0
Football	1 per 20,000	2	4	1	0 (B)	0
Soccer	1 per 10,000	4	8	3	2	4
Golf - Driving Range	1 per 30,000	1	2-3	1	1	0
1/4 Mile Running Track	1 per 20,000	2	4	1	1	0
Softball	1 per 5,000	8	16	6	3	3
Multiple Recreation Courts	1 per 10,000	4	8	3	1	2
(Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis)						
Trails	1 per Region	1	1	1	1	1
Archery Range	1 per 50,000	1	1-2	0 (E)	0	0
Combination Skeet and Trap Field	1 per 50,000	1	1-2	0 (E)	0	0
Golf						
9 Hole	1 per 25,000	1-2	3	1	1	0
18 Hole	1 per 50,000	1	1-2	1	0	1
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	2	4	2	1	1

*Recreation Park and Open Space Standard and Guidelines of the National Recreation and Park Association.

(A) No special facility required.

(B) Provided on high school campus in Porterville.

(C) Sixteen additional tennis courts are presently located at high schools and on Porterville Junior College Campus.

(D) No demonstrated recreation demand in Porterville.

(E) Required facility and management cost too high for Porterville parks.

More sports facilities could be provided in Porterville Parks but the parks would become too intensively developed to be enjoyed as natural attractive environments.

9.2.4 The two columns on the right hand side of the chart indicate the quantity of the existing facilities and the quantity of facilities to be added by the year 2013 to meet the proposed standards. It is anticipated that sports facilities will continue to be developed on school campuses during the same time period to meet the active recreation needs of the residents of Porterville.

9.2.5 Certain sports activities listed in the NRPA standards have not become sufficiently popular in Porterville to justify inclusion in the recommended facilities. This situation could change over the next 20 years. Also, new sports activities could emerge that should be accommodated for in parks.

10. Summary

10.1 In parks that provide for both neighborhood and community needs there is generally no clear boundary to differentiate the two categories of parks usage.

10.1.1 Those facilities listed in the policies for neighborhood parks occupy a portion of the land.

10.1.2 However, when a park is utilized for community recreation programs the neighborhood facilities are also used by community-wide residents.

10.2 The parks and Recreation Element proposes that:

10.2.1 If a community park exists in a neighborhood of the City that has insufficient neighborhood parks then neighborhood facilities will be included in the park, and therefore a portion of the total park acreage of most community parks is designated as neighborhood.

10.2.2 The acreage of the neighborhood portion of the parks generally ranges from 3-10 acres, except for the very small trailhead parks that provide limited neighborhood facilities.

10.3 The existing parks in the City provide 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Less than 1 acre per 1,000 residents is utilized for neighborhood park facilities.

10.4 During the next twenty years the parks and recreation element will guide the development of future parks. The majority of new parks will also be community parks. However, there will be an increasing emphasis placed on providing neighborhood park facilities in these parks. As a result the ratio between neighborhood parks and community parks will be:

- 1.1 acre/1,000 Neighborhood parks
- 2.4 acre/1,000 Community parks

E. PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS

1. General

This section of the Parks and Recreation Element indicates the specific projects that are proposed that will make it possible for the park system to keep pace with urban development.

2. Recommended Improvements to Existing Parks and Leisure Facilities

2.1 Hayes Field

- 2.1.1 No change. Recent improvements have been completed including new ballfield lights, irrigation system improvements, handicap ramp access and tree planting.

2.2 Murry Park

- 2.2.1 Construct improvements identified in park master plan (see Appendix A).

2.3 Golf Course

- 2.3.1 Redevelop greens #4, 7 and 8.

2.4 Noon Lions Park

- 2.4.1 No changes.

2.5 North Park

- 2.5.1 Remove service club sign when another sign is installed elsewhere.

2.6 Olivewood Park

- 2.6.1 No changes.

2.7 Veterans Park

- 2.7.1 Construct improvements identified in park master plan (see Appendix A).

2.8 Zalud Park

- 2.8.1 Construct new group picnic area.
- 2.8.2 Construct two half-court basketball courts.

2.9 Community Center

- 2.9.1 Install handicap ramp to lower activity area of the building.

2.10 Fairground and Ballfield

2.10.1 Relocation of the fairgrounds to a larger site in the City is being considered by the Fair Board.

2.10.2 If the fairgrounds are relocated then a parking lot and group picnic facility should be constructed on the vacated site.

2.11 Horse Arena

2.11.1 Relocation of the horse arena to a larger site in the City is being considered.

2.12 Library

2.12.1 No change.

2.13 Swimming pool complex (at Murry Park)

2.13.1 Construct swimming pool improvements identified in Murry Park Master Plan (see Appendix A).

2.14 Airport Open Space Area

2.14.1 Redevelopment to accommodate a wide range of community events.

2.15 Zalud House and Garden

2.15.1 No change.

3. Development of New Parks

3.1 Porter Slough Park

3.1.1 Land acquisition of 18 acres of parkland adjacent to proposed new school site and future drainage basin.

3.1.2 Master plan of joint school/park/drainage basin incorporating the facility engineering requirements of the drainage basin and the facilities program for the school and park.

3.1.3 Develop the park in conjunction with school and/or basin.

3.1.4 Creation of natural area and bike/pedestrian walkway along Porter Slough from Westwood Street to the Friant Kern Canal.

3.1.5 Construct most active sports facilities on the school grounds as part of joint use.

3.1.6 Potential for location of Community Center.

3.2 Los Robles School Park

3.2.1 Negotiate an agreement with the school district for the City to develop the seven acre park on land just west of the school.

- 3.2.2 Prepare master plan of the park which provides neighborhood park facilities as outlined in the standards portion of this report.
- 3.2.3 Develop the park when funds are available.
- 3.3 East Morton Basin Park
 - 3.3.1 Acquire the 15 acre parcel south of the drainage basin dam.
 - 3.3.2 Establish a program of passive activities to occur in this park and prepare park master plan. Emphasis of park to be open space and trails in conjunction with the drainage basin.
 - 3.3.3 Develop the park when funds are available.
- 3.4 West Tule River Park
 - 3.4.1 Acquire 15 acres of land for community park adjacent to Tule River and with direct access off the west extension of Morton Avenue.
 - 3.4.2 Develop master plan for community park featuring passive activities along the river and active park facility on flat agricultural land closer to Morton Avenue.
 - 3.4.3 Develop the site, possibly in phases, including neighborhood facility for expanding westward urban growth of the City.
 - 3.4.4 Potential for location of community center.
- 3.5 Oxbow Park
 - 3.5.1 Purchase three acre park bordered by Springville Avenue on the south and the Tule River on the north.
 - 3.5.2 Prepare park plans to include parking area, possible restroom and information kiosk for passive recreation of Tule River Parkway.
 - 3.5.3 Develop the site as a component of the Tule River Parkway, possibly including neighborhood park facilities if residential demand exists in the immediate area in the future.
- 3.6 Railroad Park
 - 3.6.1 Acquire this large 21 acre parcel along the Tule River, including a small portion of the level land adjacent to the frontage road of Highway 190.
 - 3.6.2 Prepare a comprehensive master plan that features passive activities including trails, lookouts, and interpretive center as part of the Tule River Parkway. Incorporate group and family picnic facilities, and adequate parking on the land closest to Highway 190.

- 3.6.3 Develop the park in phases utilizing low-cost planting of native vegetation suitable for screening, buffer and wildlife habitat.
- 3.6.4 Potential site for habitat restoration mitigations to offset wildlife habitat loss elsewhere in the City.
- 3.7 Headgate Park
 - 3.7.1 Prepare park master plan for phased development to include parking for trailhead and interpretive center in area sufficiently distant to create buffer for wildlife habitat areas.
- 3.8 North Plano Park
 - 3.8.1 Acquire a 25-acre site at the northeast corner of Reed and North Plano.
 - 3.8.2 Prepare a park master plan following city-wide recreation program input. Facilities to include extensive sports facilities along passive recreation.
 - 3.8.3 This park should be a unique community facility which provides space for both present and future city needs. Its location is near the junction of two major roads in Porterville making it accessible from downtown, east and west Porterville.
- 3.9 Airport Open Space Area
 - 3.9.1 Prepare master plan following approval of a program of uses. Since this area is a greater distance from the city than any other facilities, is adjacent to the airport and airport industrial development, the site offers opportunities and constraints unlike other parkland. It is unlikely that a conflict will exist due to loud noises since the activities will not be occurring near residential development. The site, however, does not exhibit desirable park qualities including esthetics, easy pedestrian access, or connection to natural features. Increasing airport traffic as the city increases may further decrease the environmental quality of the area.
 - 3.9.2 Construct the project in phases as funds are available for the uses proposed.
 - 3.9.3 The proposed airport golf course is on land directly to the south of this park site.
- 3.10 Floating Parks
 - 3.10.1 Acquire the land for four neighborhood parks of approximately five acres each as part of the subdivision requirements for the specific areas of the City.
 - 3.10.2 Prepare plans for typical neighborhood facilities to serve the recreation needs of the new residential areas.

F. PARK DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

1. General

- 1.1 In order to accomplish the objectives and policies set forth in this document a large number of individual steps must occur during the next twenty year period.

2. The highest priority for the Parks and Recreation Element are to be the following:

- 2.1 Establish the funding mechanism as city policy that required park funds as part of all new development in the city.
- 2.2 Negotiate the acquisition of several of the park sites designated along the Tule River. Several parks will be necessary along the Tule River Parkway to create recreation opportunities that in turn will stimulate greater interest and funding for river restoration projects. The Tule River could be a tremendous asset to Porterville that has gone unattended for many years. Elimination of the noxious giant reed and reestablishment of native riparian vegetation could occur at each park site and eventually in the areas between the parks.
- 2.3 Negotiate the acquisition and development of the park sites closest to present urbanization, including possible park sites of sufficient size to provide neighborhood facilities that are not shown on the plan of the parks and recreation element. Of special concern is the areas on the western edge of the city where parkland has not kept pace with urban expansion. At least one neighborhood park and possibly up to three parks should be developed at the north, west, and/or south edges of the present urbanized land where residential areas are now being planned.
- 2.4 Development of parks adjacent to elementary schools. Many of the proposals for schools/parks in the 1965 Parks and Recreation Plan can no longer be developed but some opportunities still exist. The Los Robles School Park and land adjacent to schools in west Porterville should be developed for two possible parks.
- 2.5 Selection of a park site for a new community center, preferably in west Porterville. The City residents have stated in the survey that west Porterville is the preferred location by a sizeable margin. The present population pattern also dictates that west Porterville is the most appropriate location. The 1965 parks plan indicated land adjacent to Monache High School in west Porterville for a major community center. Since action has not been taken to satisfy this community need, opportunities for sites are dwindling. It should be noted that in many cities the location of a community center is a matter of great importance and sites that would have high value for other urban uses have been selected. A detailed study of possible sites is recommended.
- 2.6 Coordination of the storm drainage master plan with the parks master plan to select specific sites that can combine drainage basin acreage and park acreage into single site of their total acreage. These sites can be developed when the drainage basin is needed. The grading work can be planned to meet the needs of both the drainage basin volume and the esthetics of an attractive park.
- 2.7 Completion of the work in existing parks that has been master planned, especially Murry Park since it has great historical significance.

3. Ranking

- 3.1 The purpose of this priorities schedule is to form a starting point to prepare a cost analysis and funding recommendation to develop a realistic goal for the city. The ranking for each project listed previously is grouped together to help schedule the recommended work. Work within each ranking group is not placed in an order of priority at this time. Each level of ranking represents a period of 5 years.

3.2 Ranking #1 - Highest Priority 1993-1997

New Parks

Burton School ballfields	Prepare plans Construct park
West Tule River Park	Land acquisition
Railroad Park	Land acquisition
Airport Open Space Area	Prepare master plan Construct Phase I
North Plano Park	Land acquisition

3.3 Ranking #2 - Next to Highest Priority 1998-2003

Existing Parks

Murry Park	Construct master plan improvements
Veterans Park	Construct master plan improvements

New Parks and Other Facilities

North Plano Park	Prepare park master plan Construct park, Phase I
Los Robles Park	Negotiate agreement for park use Prepare park plan Construct park
Community Center	Site selection, acquisition and construction

3.4 Ranking #3 2004-2008

New Parks

East Morton Basin Park	Land acquisition Prepare park plan Construct park
West Tule River Park	Prepare park plan Construct Phase I
North Plano Park	Construct Phase II
Airport Open Space Area	Construct Phase II
Oxbow Park	Land acquisition Prepare park plan Construct park
Porter Slough Park	Land acquisition Prepare park master plan Construct park, Phase I

3.5 Ranking #4 lowest priority 2009-2013

New Parks

Oxbow Park
Headgate Park

Railroad Park

West Tule River Park

Develop park plan
Prepare park plan
Construct park
Prepare park plan
Construct park, Phase I
Construct Phase II

3.6 Unscheduled - Floating Parks

These four parks are to be planned and constructed as neighborhood parks when these specific areas of the city are developed.



Appendix A Existing Parks and Schools

PARKS IN PORTERVILLE

	HAYES FIELD CITY OF PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA	DATE 1
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HAYES FIELD

LOCATION: Mulberry Avenue

SIZE: 7.5 Acres

TYPE: Public active recreation facilities/basin park

PARK FACILITIES:

Ball field (3)

Bleachers

Concession booth

Restrooms

Drinking fountain

Lighting on fields for night play

Basin

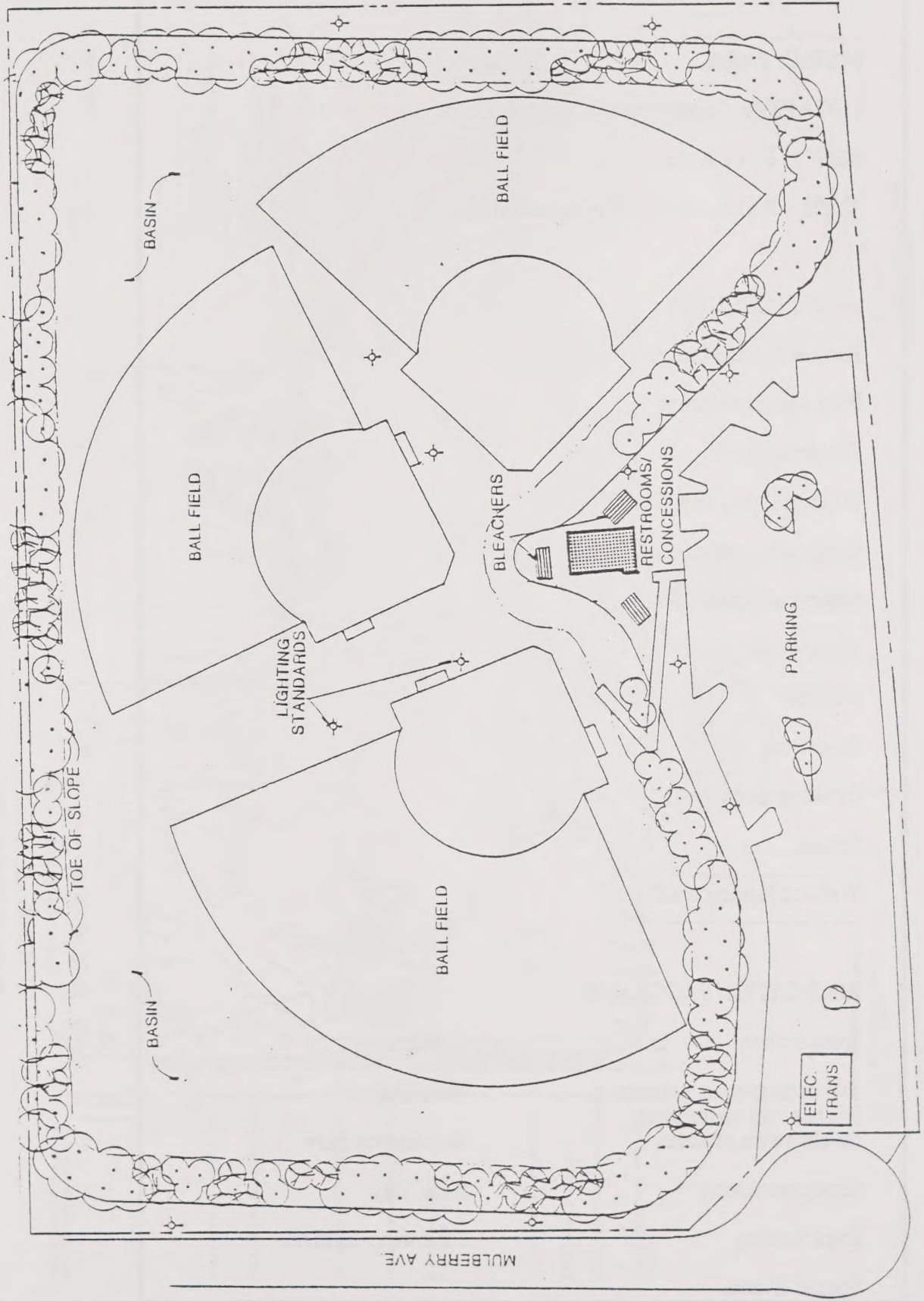
Parking on site

Handicap accessible

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

League play - Girls' softball/Little League

Adult tournaments



NORTH

HAYES FIELD

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

1

A4

MURRY PARK

LOCATION: Putnam Avenue and Park Drive

SIZE: 21.11 Acres

TYPE: Public active/passive recreation park

PARK FACILITIES:

Pond with water feature

Pool with pool house

Childrens' pool

Childrens' play area (2)

Group picnic structure

Volleyball courts (2)

Picnic tables

Benches

Restrooms

Drinking fountain

Stream

Walking/jogging paths

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Trout derbies

Concerts

Swimming-open swimming,
lessons, lap swimming,
family swim,aerobics

Weddings

Renaissance Faire

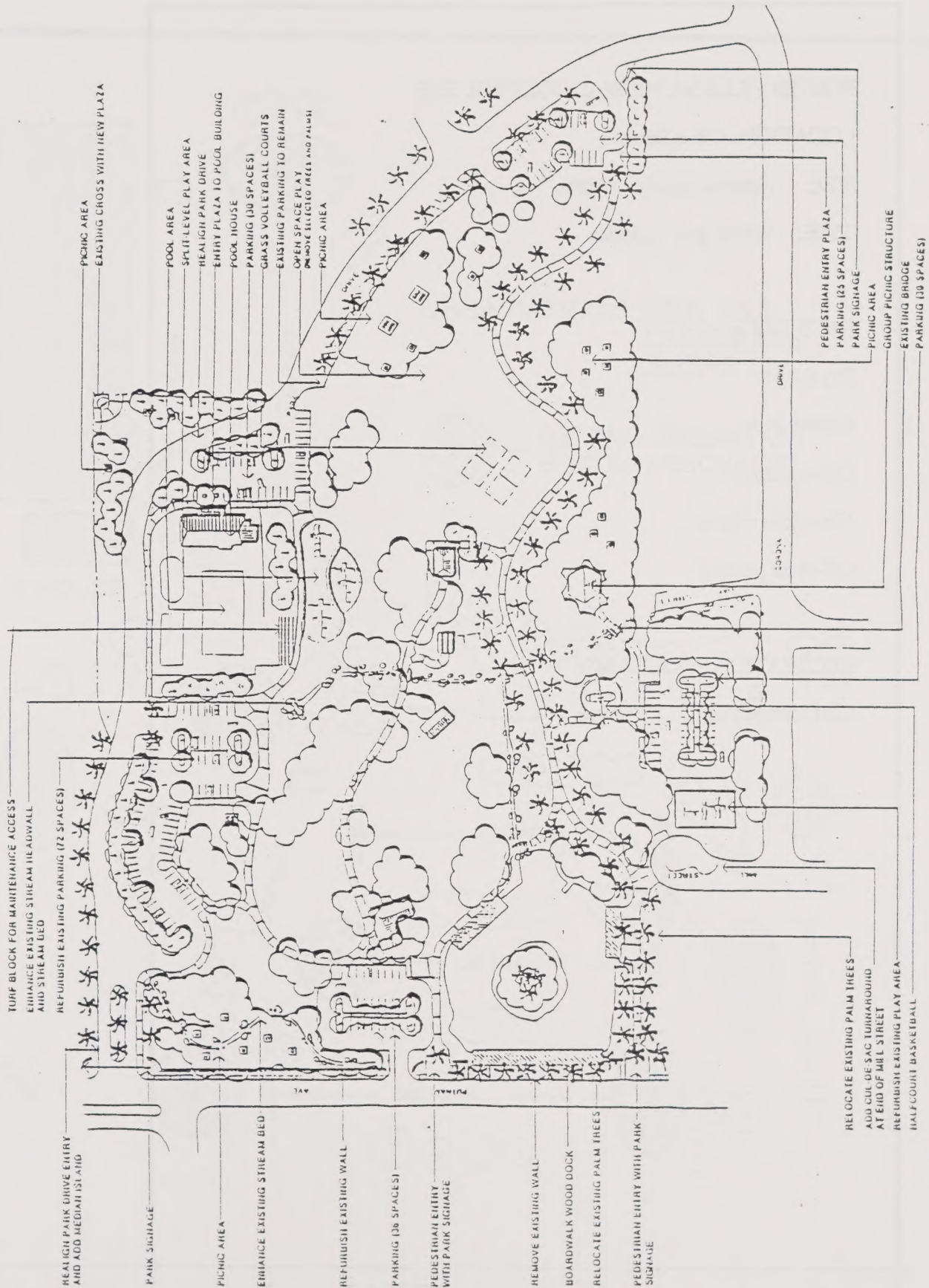
Group picnicking

Kids' Day

Duck feeding

Halloween Carnival

Special Events



NORTH

MURRY PARK

'MASTER PLAN'

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

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PORTERVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

LOCATION: Olive Street

SIZE: Approximately 17 acres

TYPE: Public golf facilities

FACILITIES:

Pro shop

Coffee shop

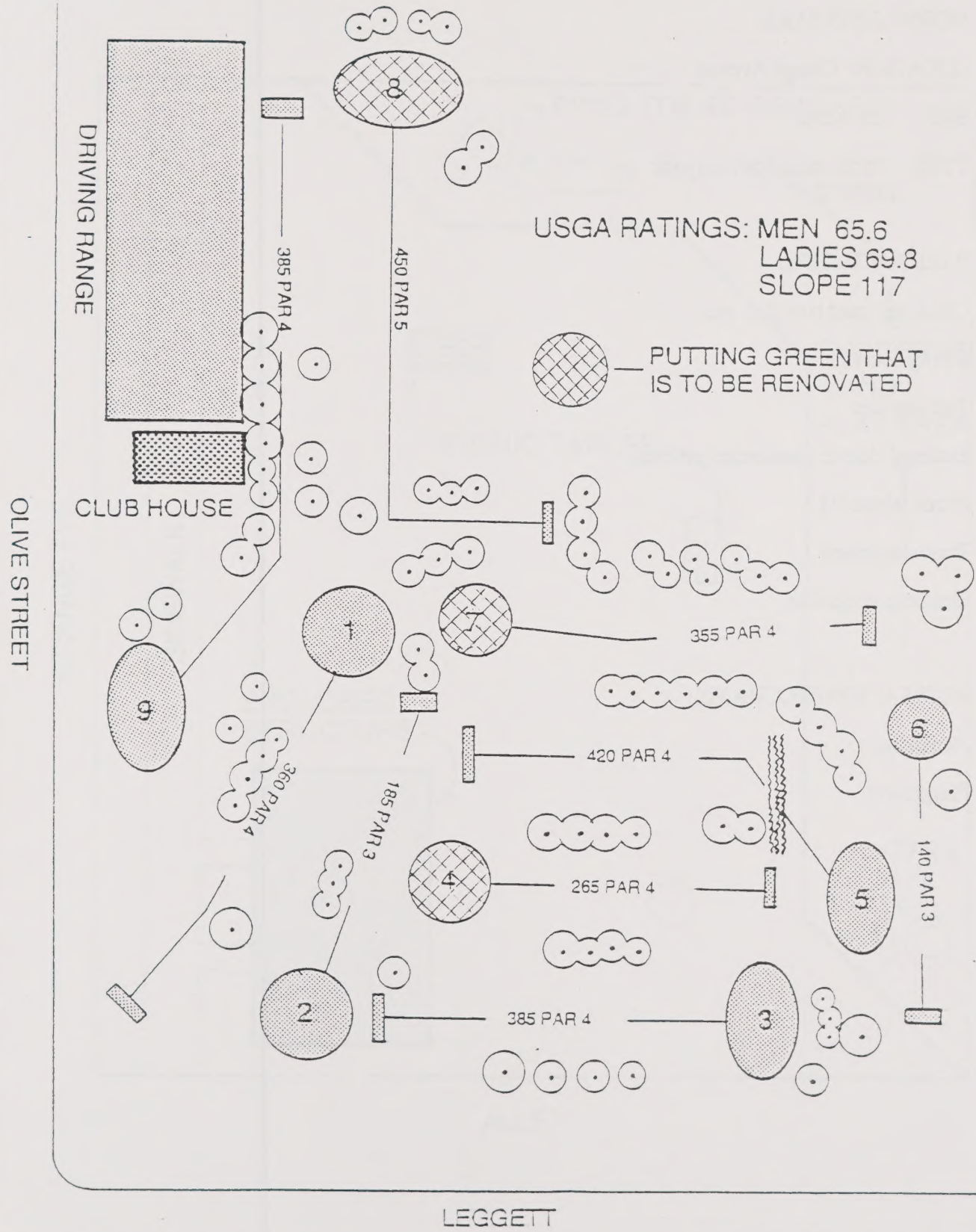
Driving range

Nine-hole course

Off-street parking

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Golf instructions



PORTERVILLE MUNI GOLF COURSE

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

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NOON LIONS PARK

LOCATION: Orange Avenue

SIZE: .25 Acres

TYPE: Public neighborhood park

PARK FACILITIES:

Childrens' sand box play area

Swing sets (3)

Turf play area

Enclosed electric transformer structure

Picnic tables (2)

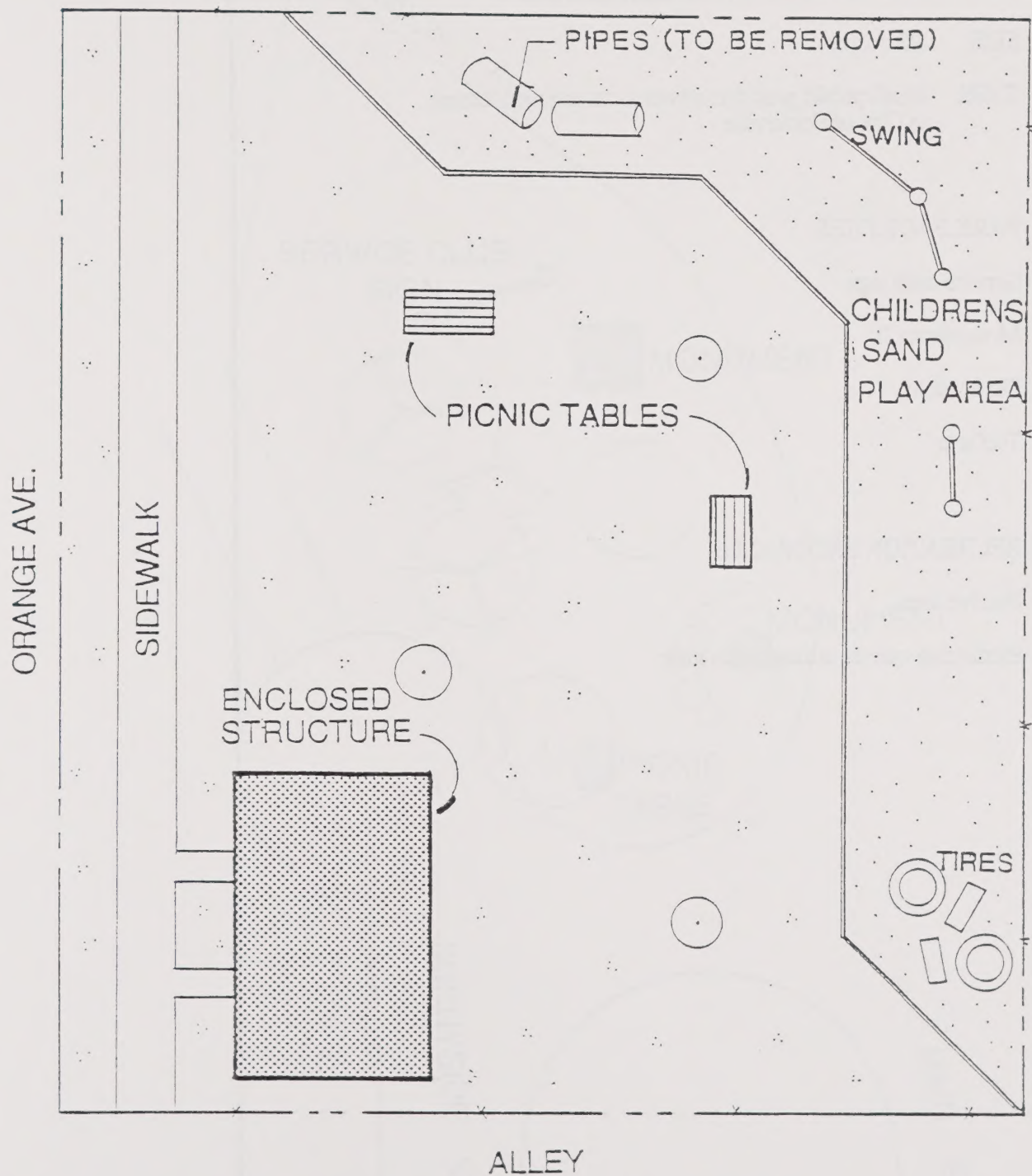
Trash dispensers

Handicap accessible

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Picnicking

Playground



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NOON LIONS PARK

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NORTH PARK

LOCATION: Henderson Avenue and Main Street

SIZE: .25 Acres

TYPE: Small public park that serves as an entrance feature to City of Porterville

PARK FACILITIES:

Service club sign

Monument (2)

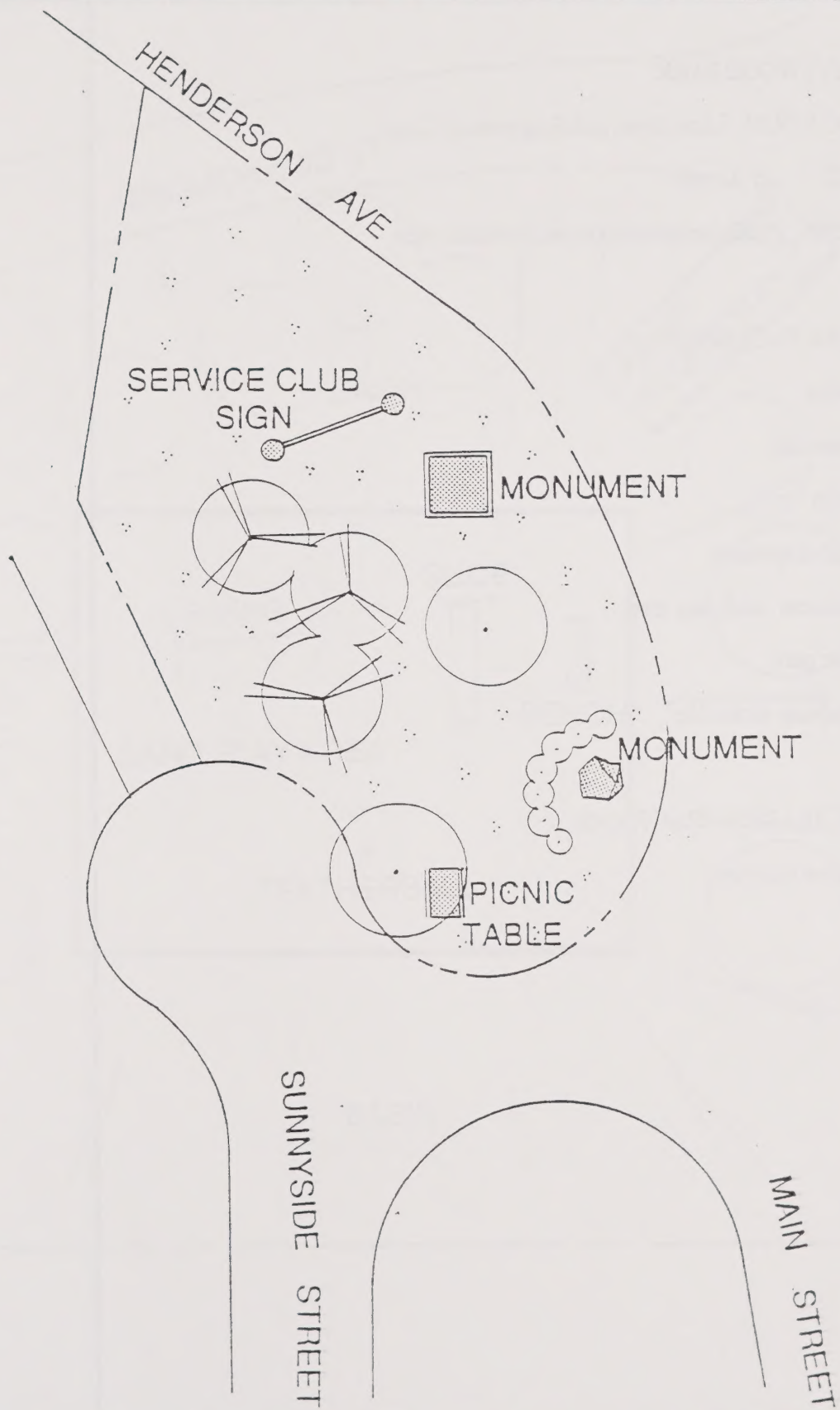
Picnic table

Turf area

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Passive area

Picnicking mainly during lunch time



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NORTH PARK

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OLIVEWOOD PARK

LOCATION: Lime Street and Brightwood Court

SIZE: .25 Acres

TYPE: Public neighborhood pocket/basin park

PARK FACILITIES:

Swing

Tether ball

Bench

Trash dispensers

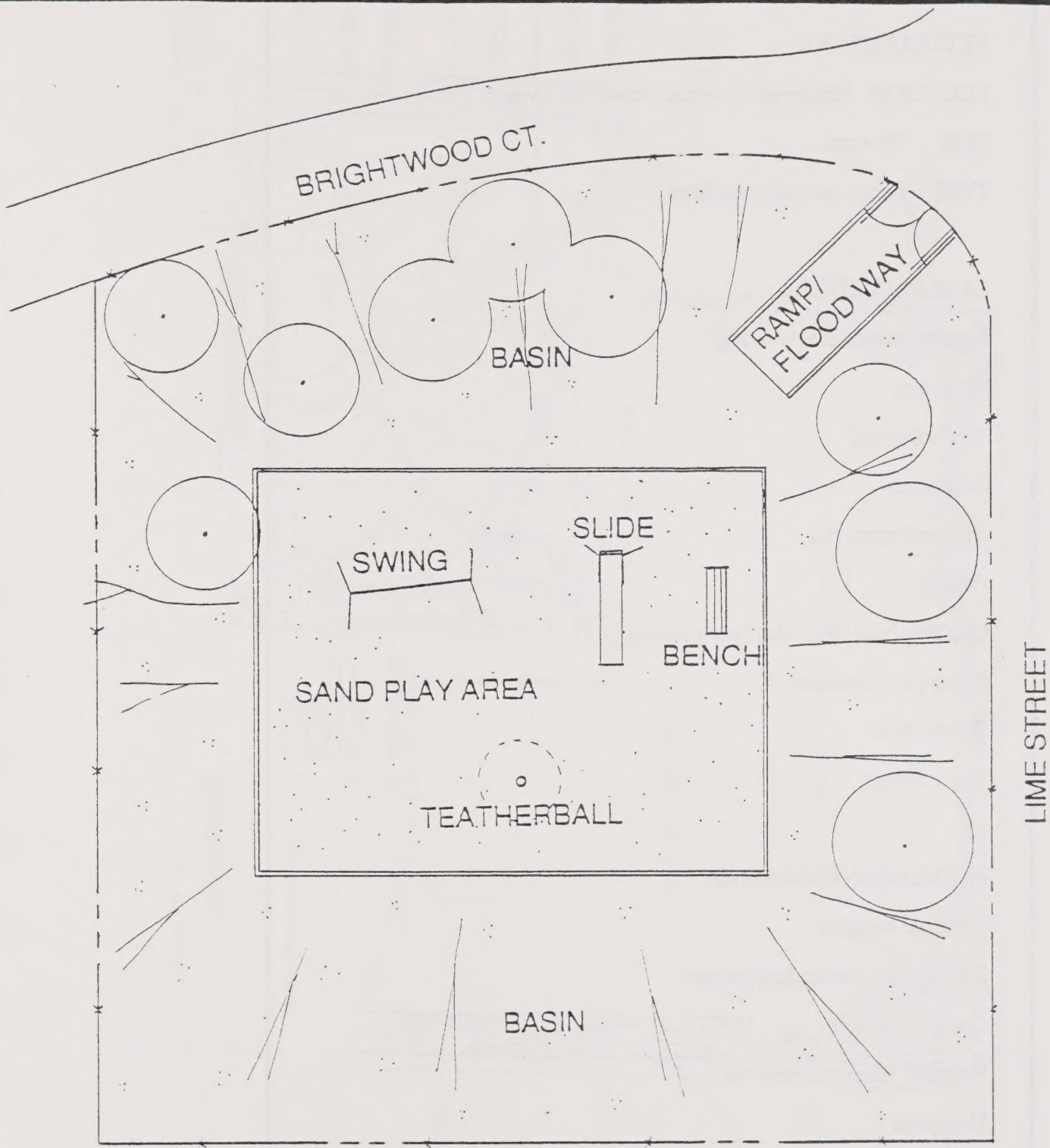
Childrens' sand play area

Basin park

Handicap accessible

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Passive play area



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OLIVEWOOD PARK

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VETERANS PARK

LOCATION: Henderson Avenue, Newcomb Avenue, Morton Avenue

SIZE: 26 Acres

TYPE: Public recreation facilities

PARK FACILITIES:

Jogging/bicycle trail/walking

Picnic area

Turf volleyball

Restrooms

Veterans' memorial

Parking

Childrens' play area with bench seating

Group picnic structure

Sports fields

Porter Slough

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Knothole baseball

Pop Warner cheerleading practice

Group picnicking

Veterans' memorial services

Volleyball

Passive recreation

Special events

ZALUD PARK

LOCATION: Grand Avenue and El Granito Street

SIZE: 15.0 Acres

TYPE: Public active/passive recreation basin park

PARK FACILITIES:

Tennis courts (2)

Grass volleyball (2)

Baseball fields (2)

On site parking

Group BBQ

Rose garden

Pond feature

Walking/jogging paths

Benches

Picnic tables with BBQ

Restrooms

Drinking fountain

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Little League/Church league

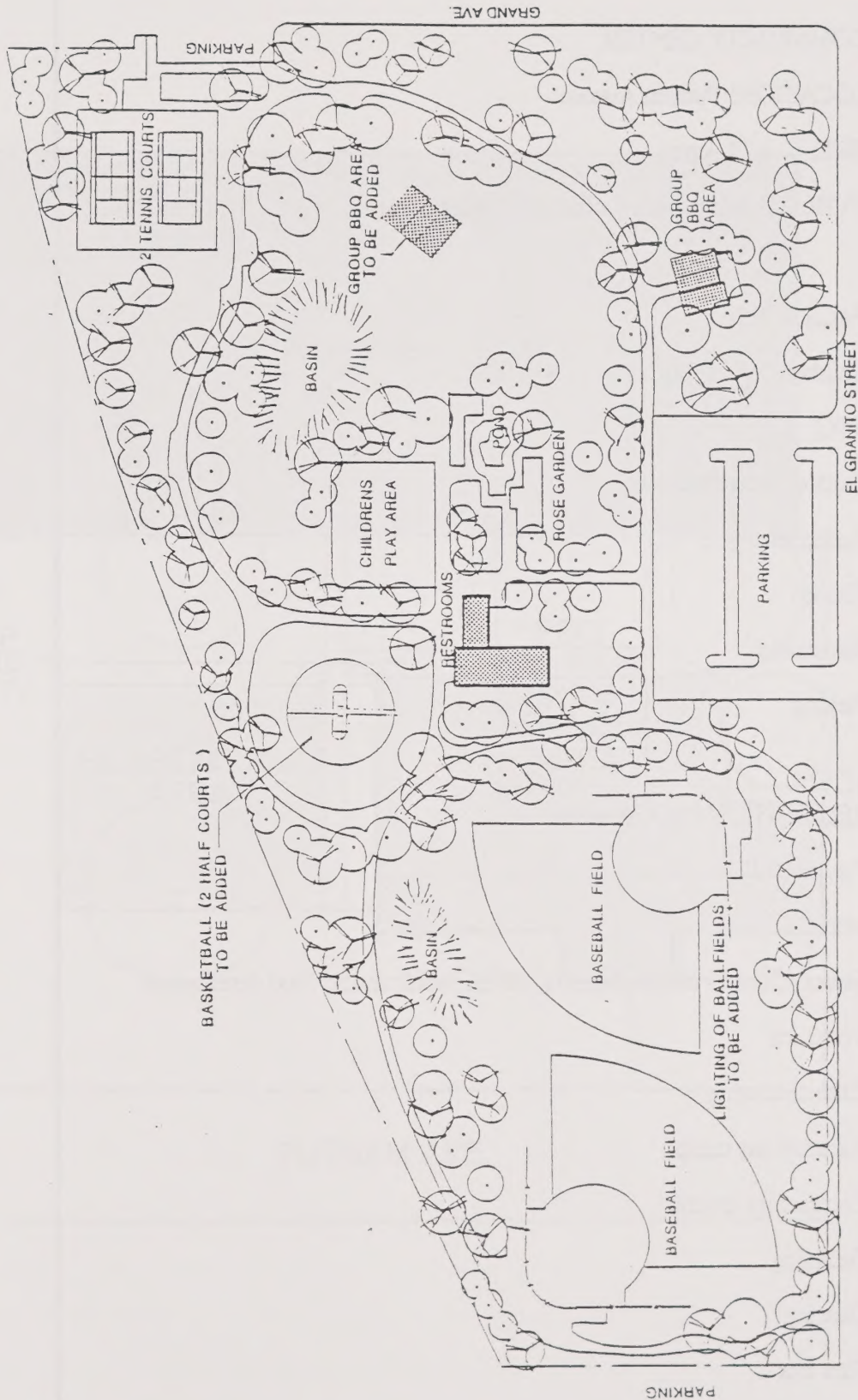
Group picnicking

City Easter Egg Hunt

Volleyball

Dog obedience

Special events



NORTH

ZALUD PARK

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COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATION: Putnam Avenue

SIZE: 1.75 Acres

TYPE: Public/private functions by reservation

FACILITIES:

Childrens' sand play area

BBQ

Outdoor patio/dance area

Auditorium/gym

Kitchen

Restrooms

Parking

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Playground

Judo

Senior Citizen - meals, dancing, cards, health check, food distribution

Vocal arts

Cake decorating

Vacation day camps

Community groups

Tumbling

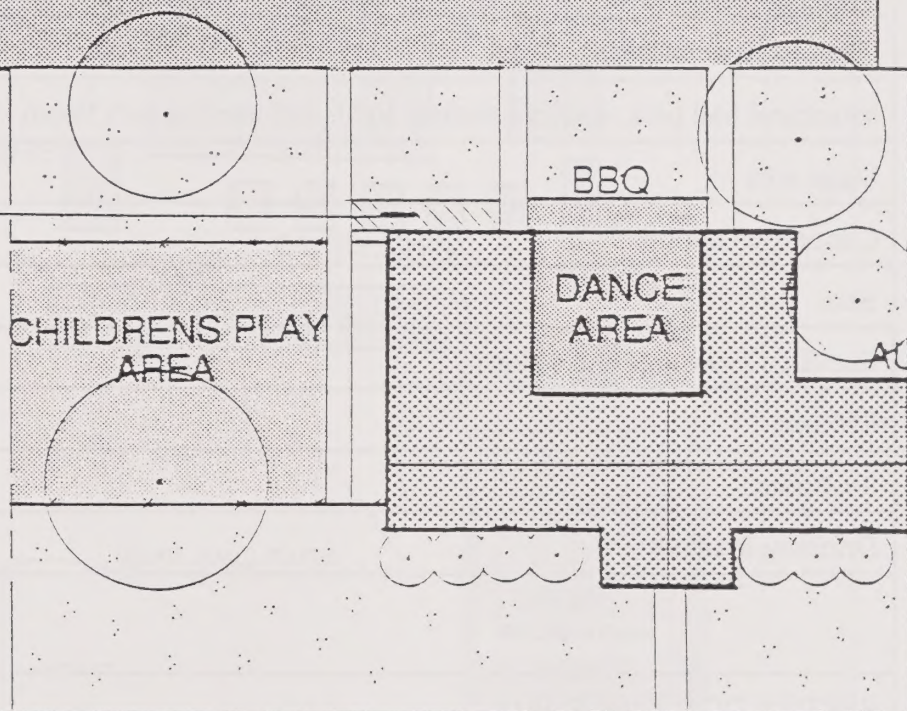
Dancing

Tiny tots



PARKING

HANDICAP RAMP
TO BE INSTALLED
TO LOWER ACTIVITY
AREA



CHILDRENS PLAY
AREA

BBQ

DANCE
AREA

AUDITORIUM/
GYM

PUTNAM AVE.



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COMMUNITY CENTER

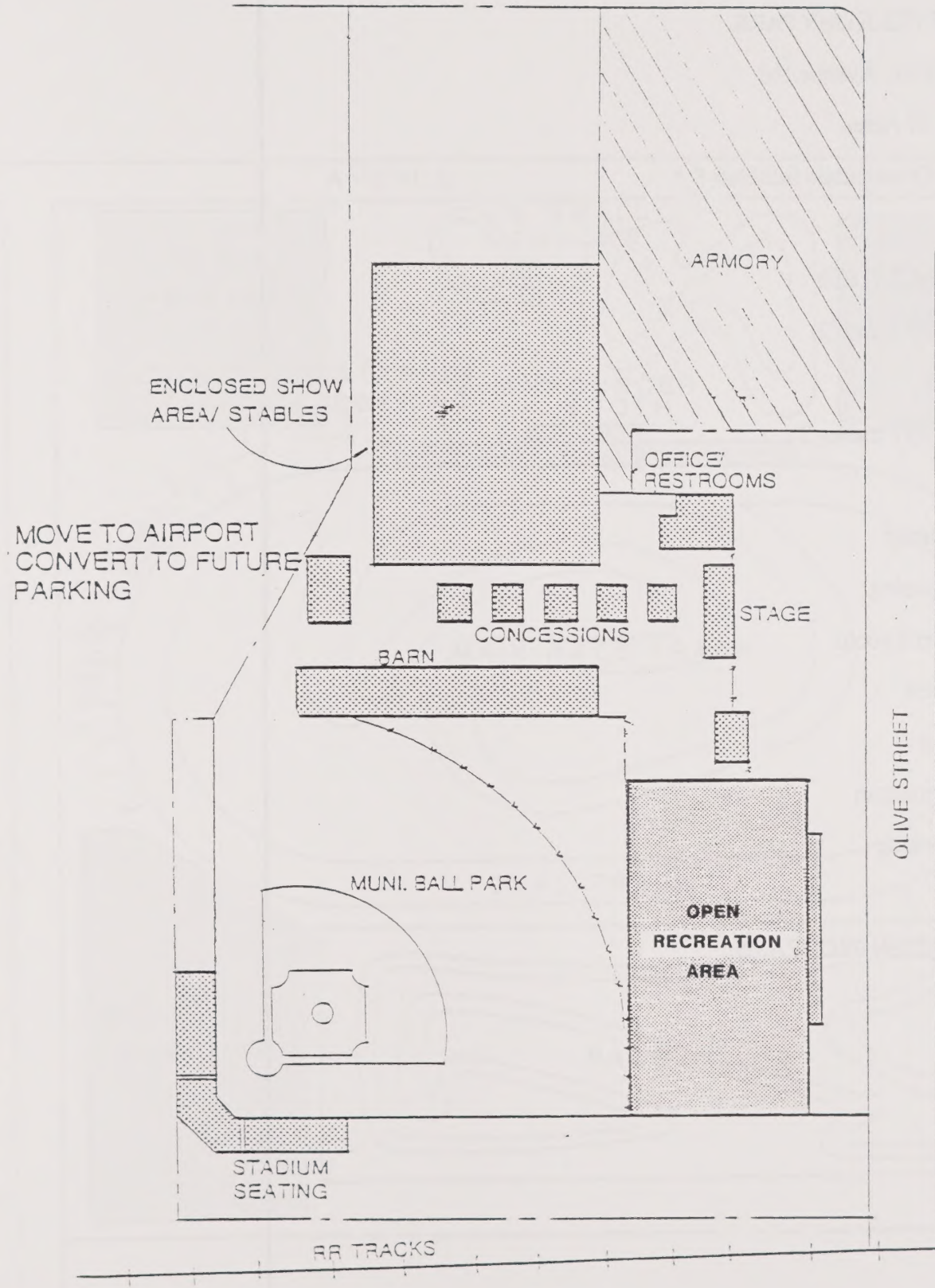
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FAIRGROUNDS - MUNICIPAL BALL PARK
LOCATION: Olive Street
SIZE: 10.25 Acres
TYPE: Community based events
PARK FACILITIES:
Open Recreation Area
Municipal ball park, stadium seating, lights and announcer's booth
Stage area
Concession booths
Barn
Enclosed show area and stables
Parking
Restrooms
Drinking fountain
RECREATION PROGRAMS:
Porterville Fair
League ball play - Babe Ruth
Soccer practice
Flag football practice
Carnivals
Circus

PLANO



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FAIRGROUNDS-MUNI. BALL PARK-HORSE ARENA

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ZALUD HOUSE AND GARDEN

LOCATION: 393 N. Hockett

SIZE: .25 acre

TYPE: Public Banquet Facilities

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

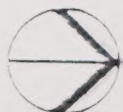
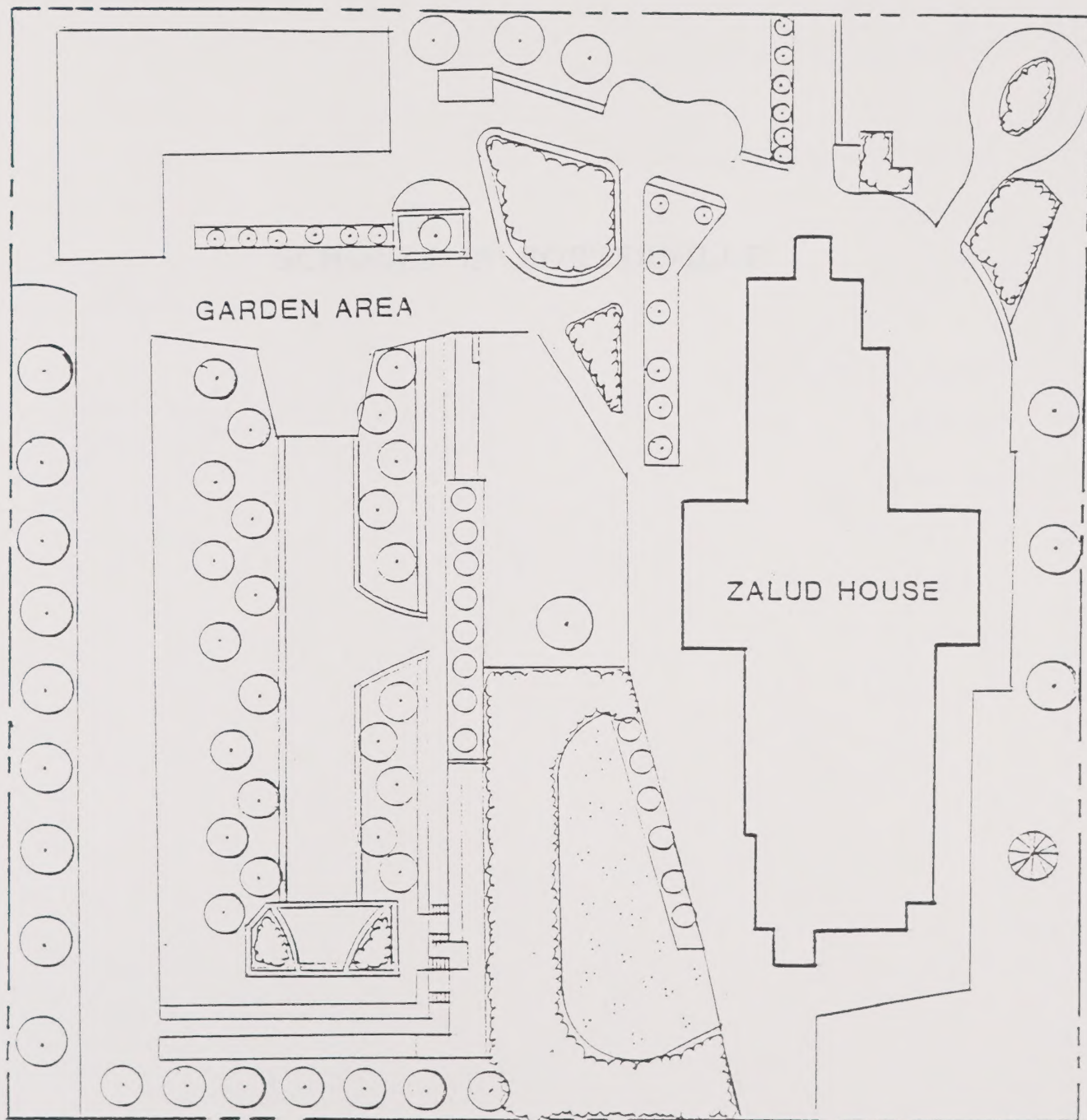
Outdoor garden area

Banquet facilities

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Banquet events upon reservation

Tours



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ZALUD HOUSE AND GARDEN

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SCHOOLS IN PORTERVILLE

BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR

PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

BELLEVIEW ELEMENTARY AND ANNEX

LOCATION: Belleview Avenue

SIZE: 4.6 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field

Basketball

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Basketball

Little League

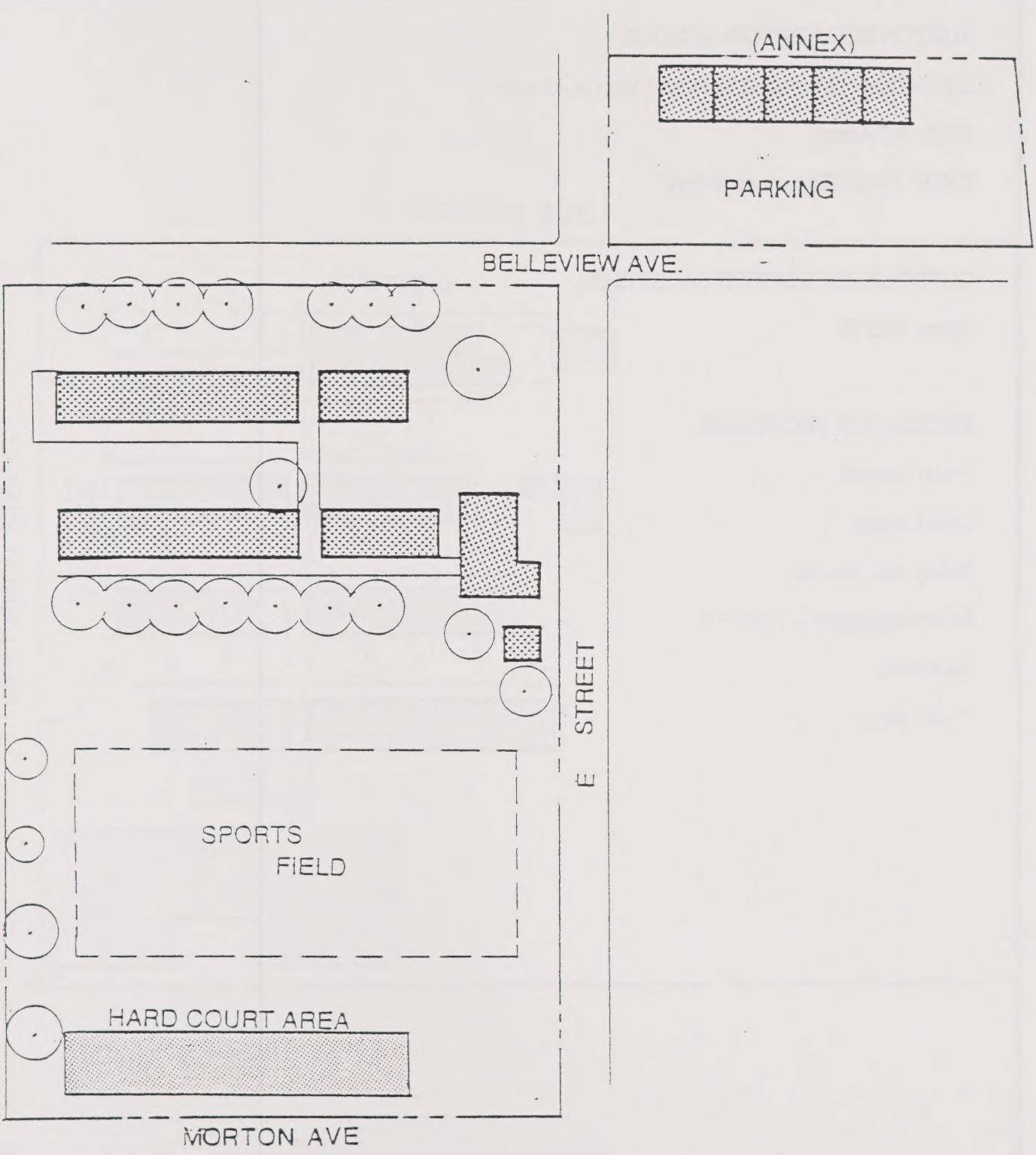
Bobby Sox

Knothole practice

Volleyball

Soccer practice

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BELLEVIEW ELEMENTARY & ANNEX
COUNTY SCHOOL SITE
CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Westwood Street and Morton Avenue

SIZE: 9.7 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field (2)

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth baseball

Little League

Bobby Sox practice

Knothole practice

Basketball

Youth soccer

MORTON AVE.

PARKING

WESTWOOD STREET

PARKING

SPORTS FIELD



BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

JOHN J. DOYLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Orange Avenue

SIZE: 15.4 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Open sports field

Basketball courts (3)

Handball courts (2)

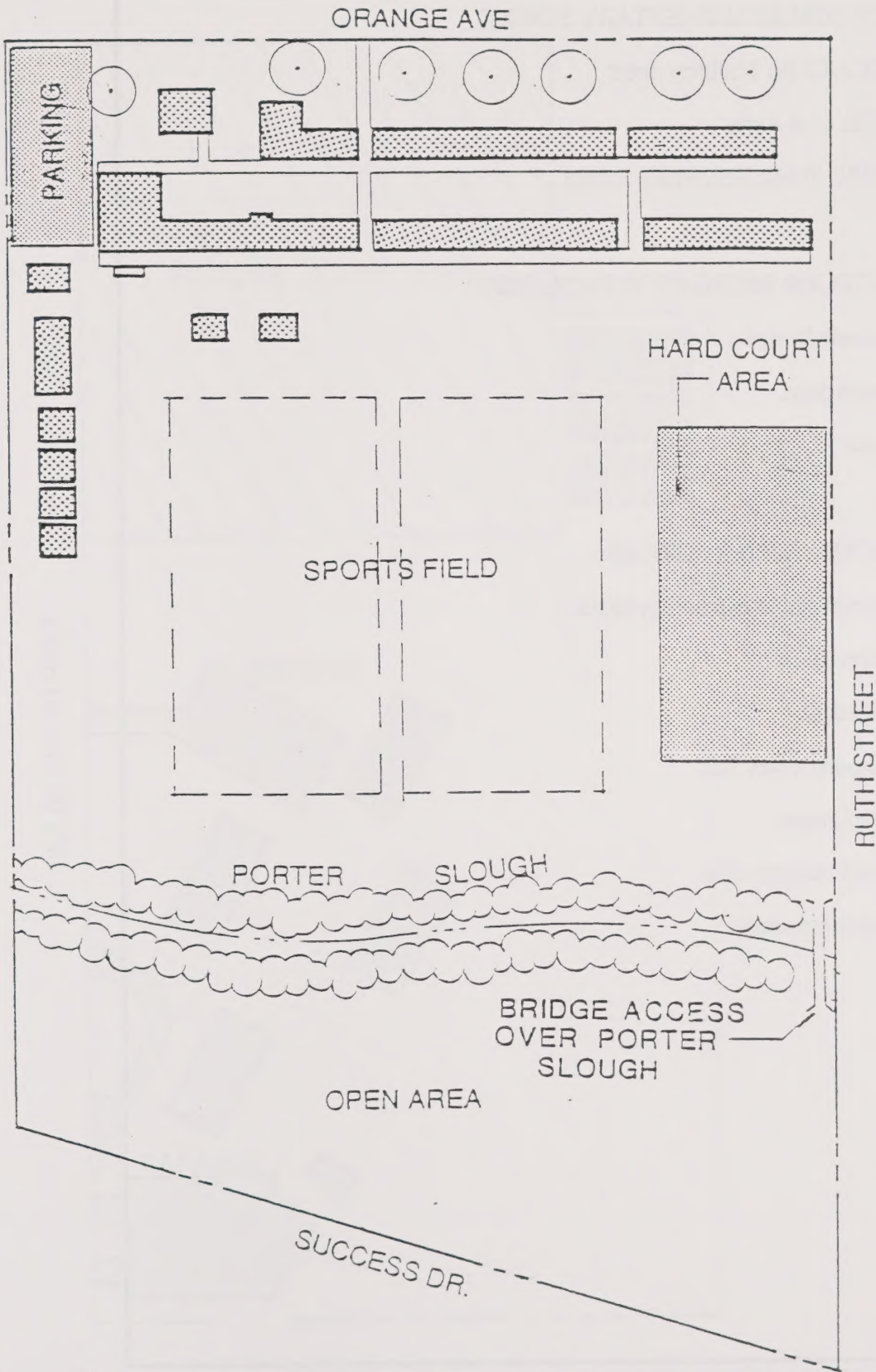
RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Little League

Bobby Sox practice

Knothole practice

Open play



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JOHN J. DOYLE ELEMENTARY SCH

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LOS ROBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Mulberry Street

SIZE: 17.6 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Basketball court

Nature pond

Fields

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Recreational after school program

Volleyball

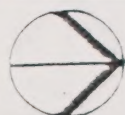
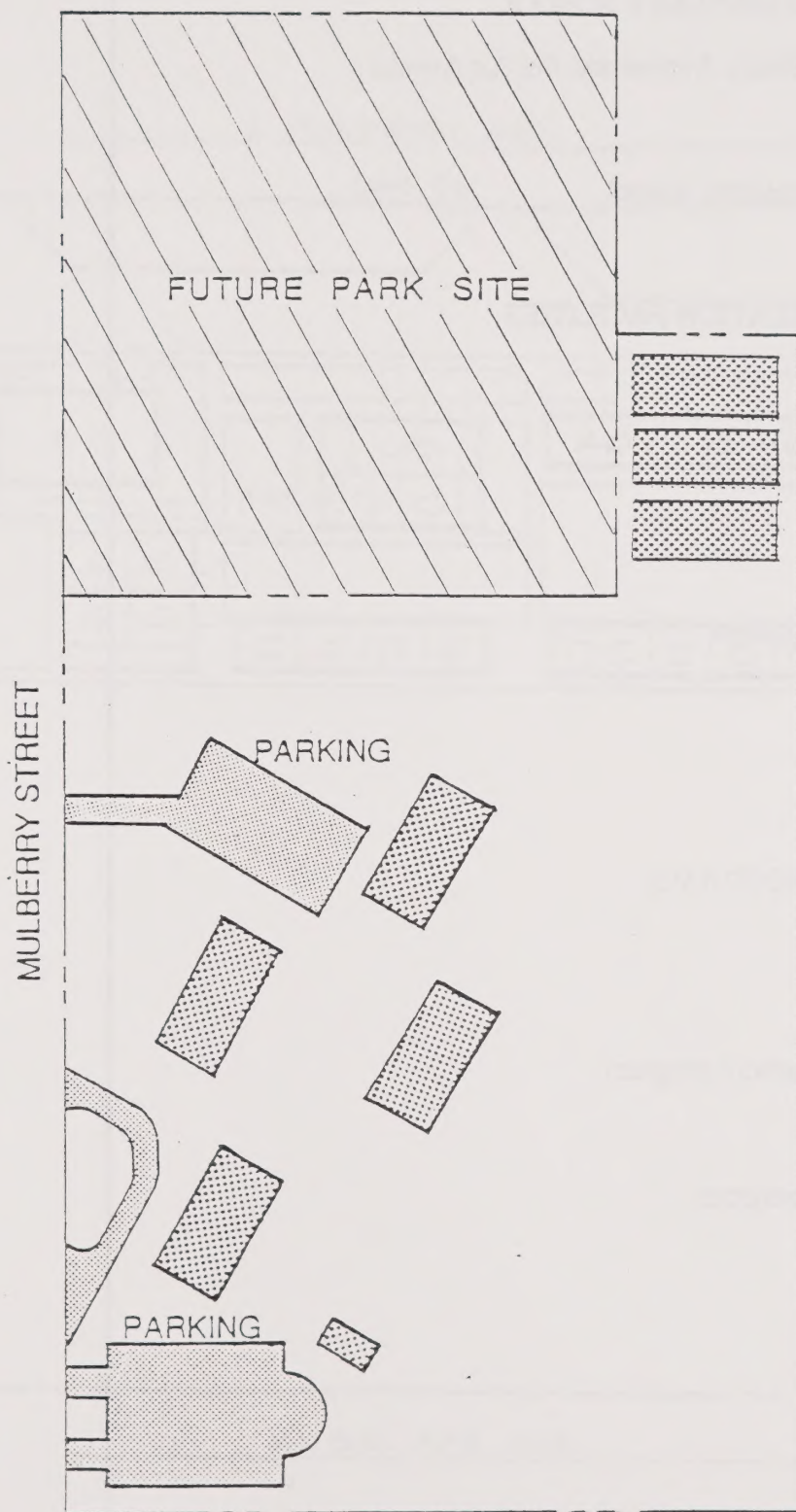
Basketball

Valentine's Day Run

Little League

Bobby Sox practice

Knothole practice



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LOS ROBLES ELEMENTARY SCH.

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OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Mullberry Avenue and Bel Air Avenue

SIZE: 10 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field

Basketball courts (6)

Backstop

Handball

Childrens play equipment

Off-street parking

Open tur area

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

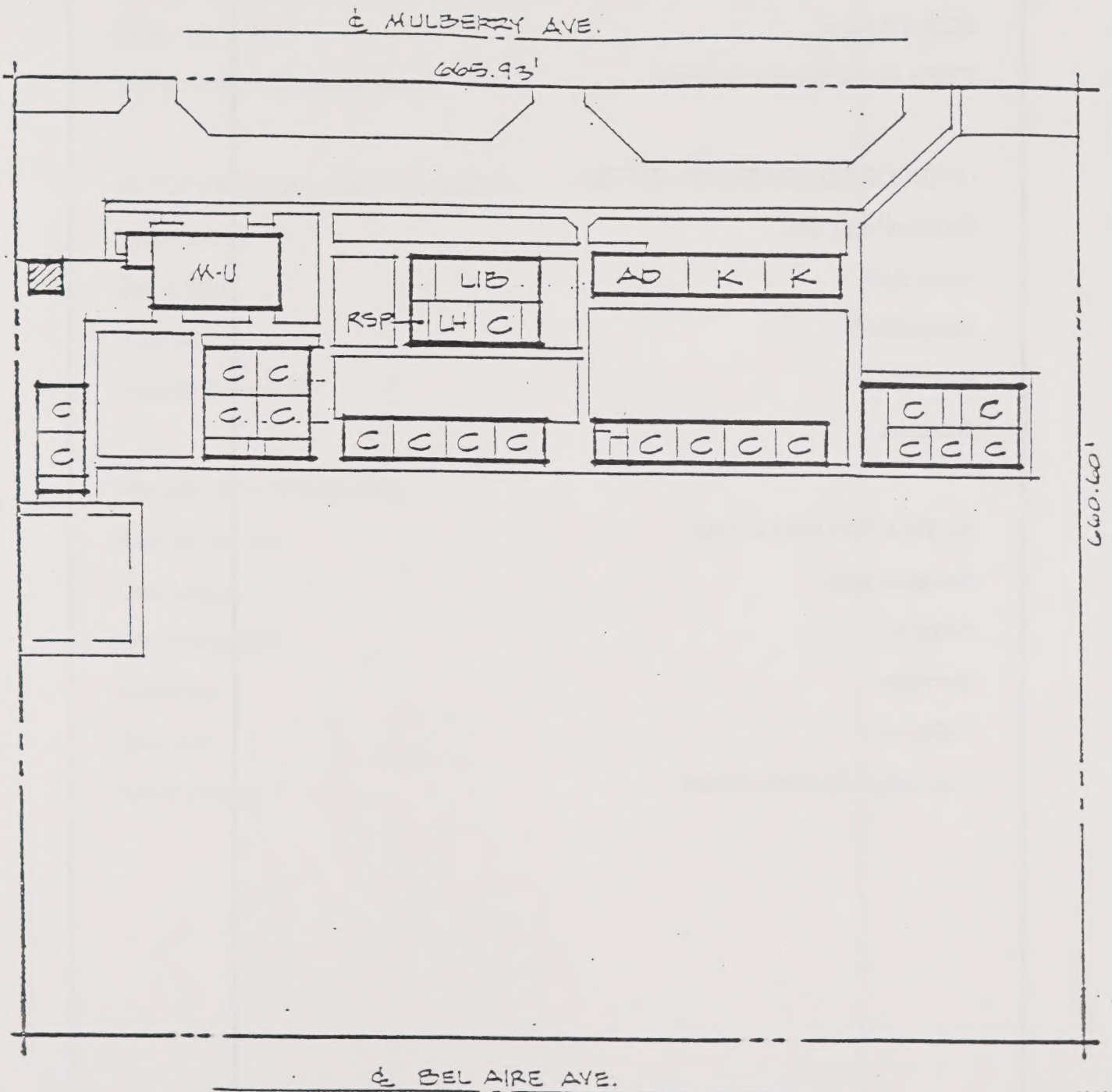
Youth baseball

Knothole practice

Recreational after school program

Soccer

Intramural sports program



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OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCH.

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MAP

OLIVE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Olive Street

SIZE: 6.8 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Childrens' play area

Sports field

Basketball (3)

Handball (2)

Tether ball

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Intramural sports

Basketball

Open play

Volleyball

Little League/Knothole practice

ROCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Morton Street and Roche Avenue

SIZE: 4.1 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Tether ball (4)

Sports field

Handball

Basketball courts (2)

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Baseball practice/

Little League

Knothole practice

Basketball

Open play

Soccer practice

OLIVE STREET

G STREET

F STREET

WALNUT STREET

SPORTS FIELD

BASKETBALL
COURTS

HANDBALL

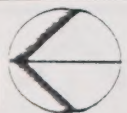
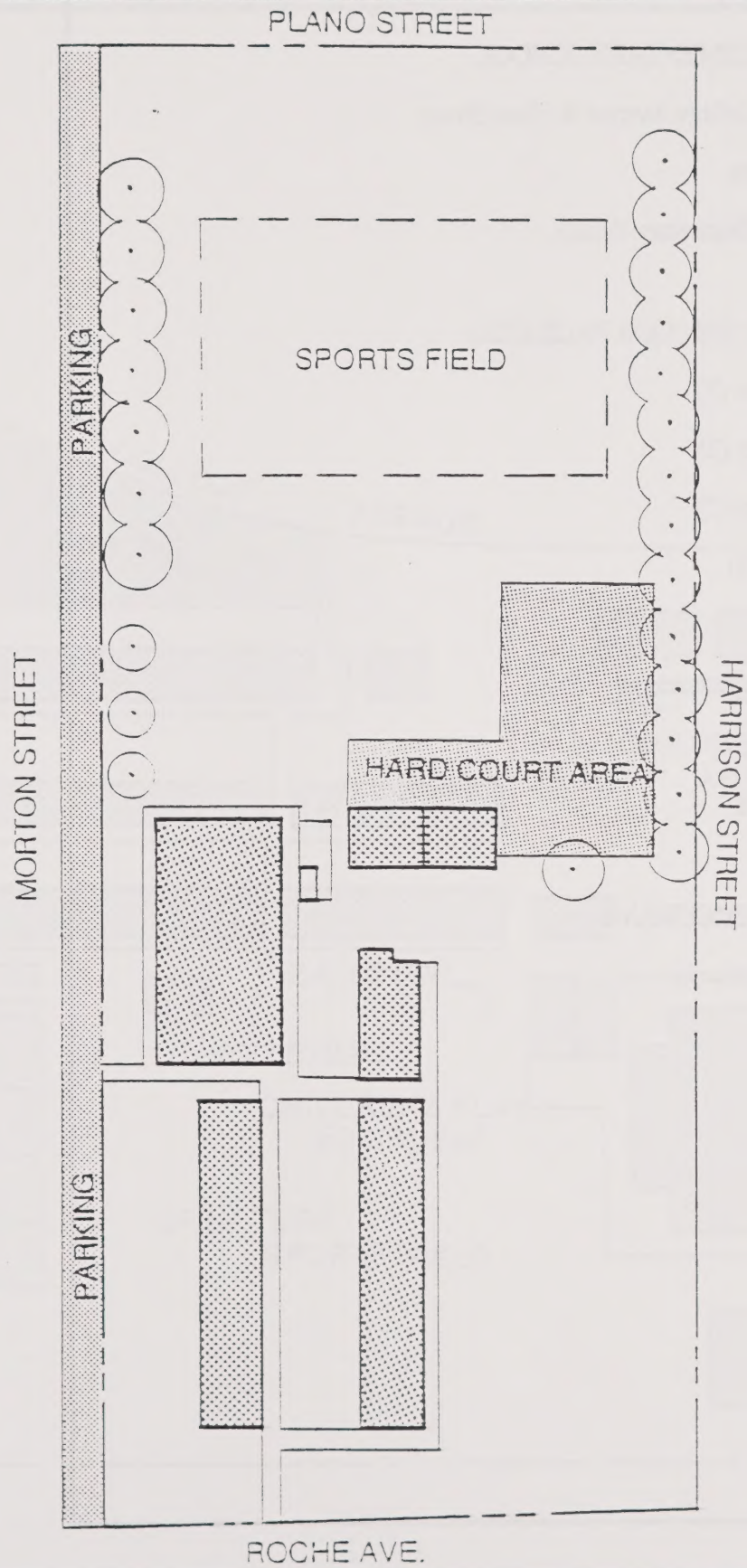


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OLIVE STREET ELEMENTARY SCH.

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ROCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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VANDALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: College Avenue & Plano Street

SIZE: 16.5 acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Basketball courts (7)

Tether ball courts (2)

Volleyball courts (2)

Handball court (1)

Backstop (1)

Childrens play equipment

Open turf area

Off-street parking

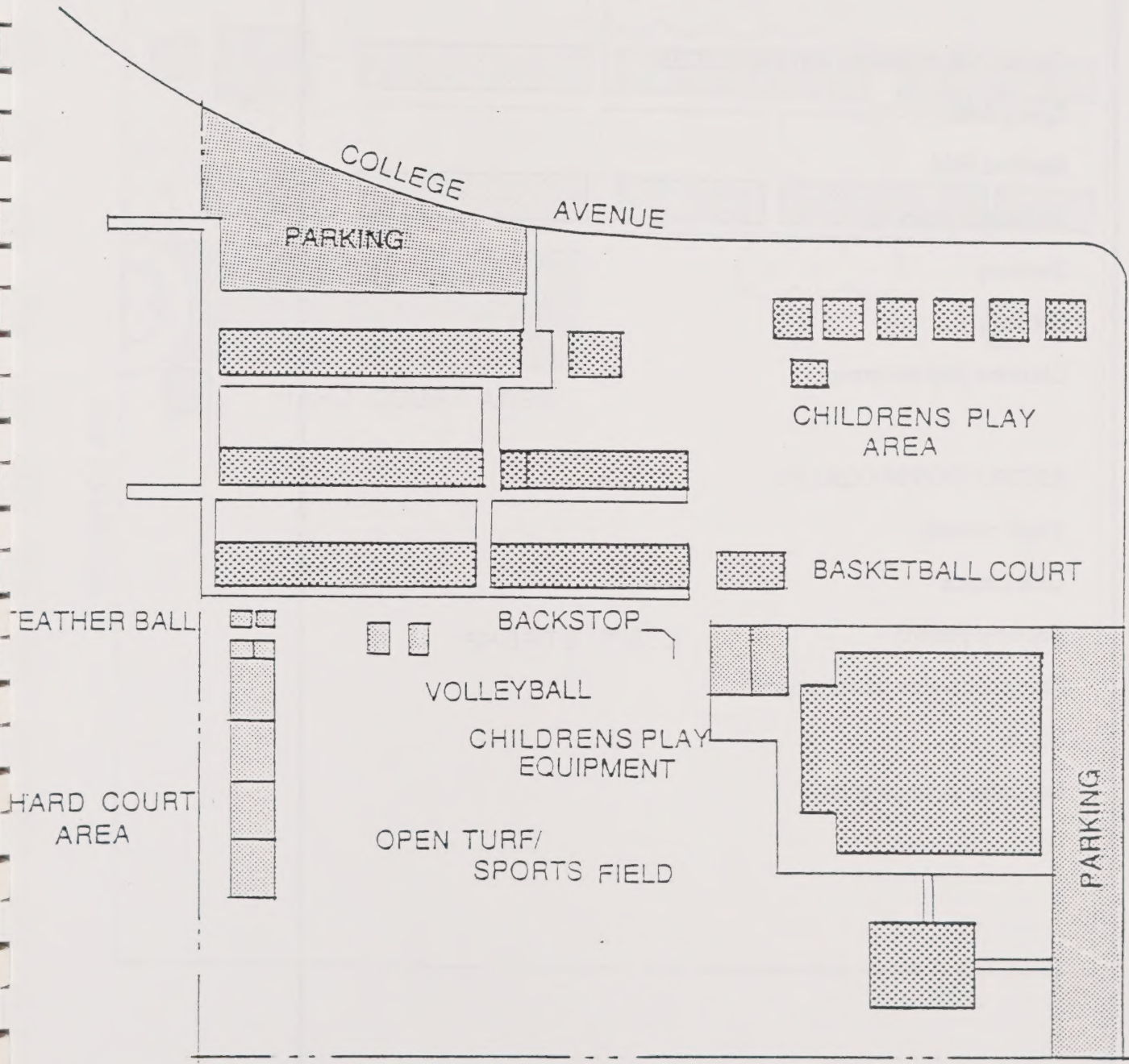
RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth Baseball practice

Little League

Bobby Sox

Volleyball



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VANDALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MAP

WESTFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Pioneer Avenue and Prospect Avenue

SIZE: 8.9 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field

Baseball field

Basketball courts (6)

Backstop

Handball

Childrens play equipment

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth baseball

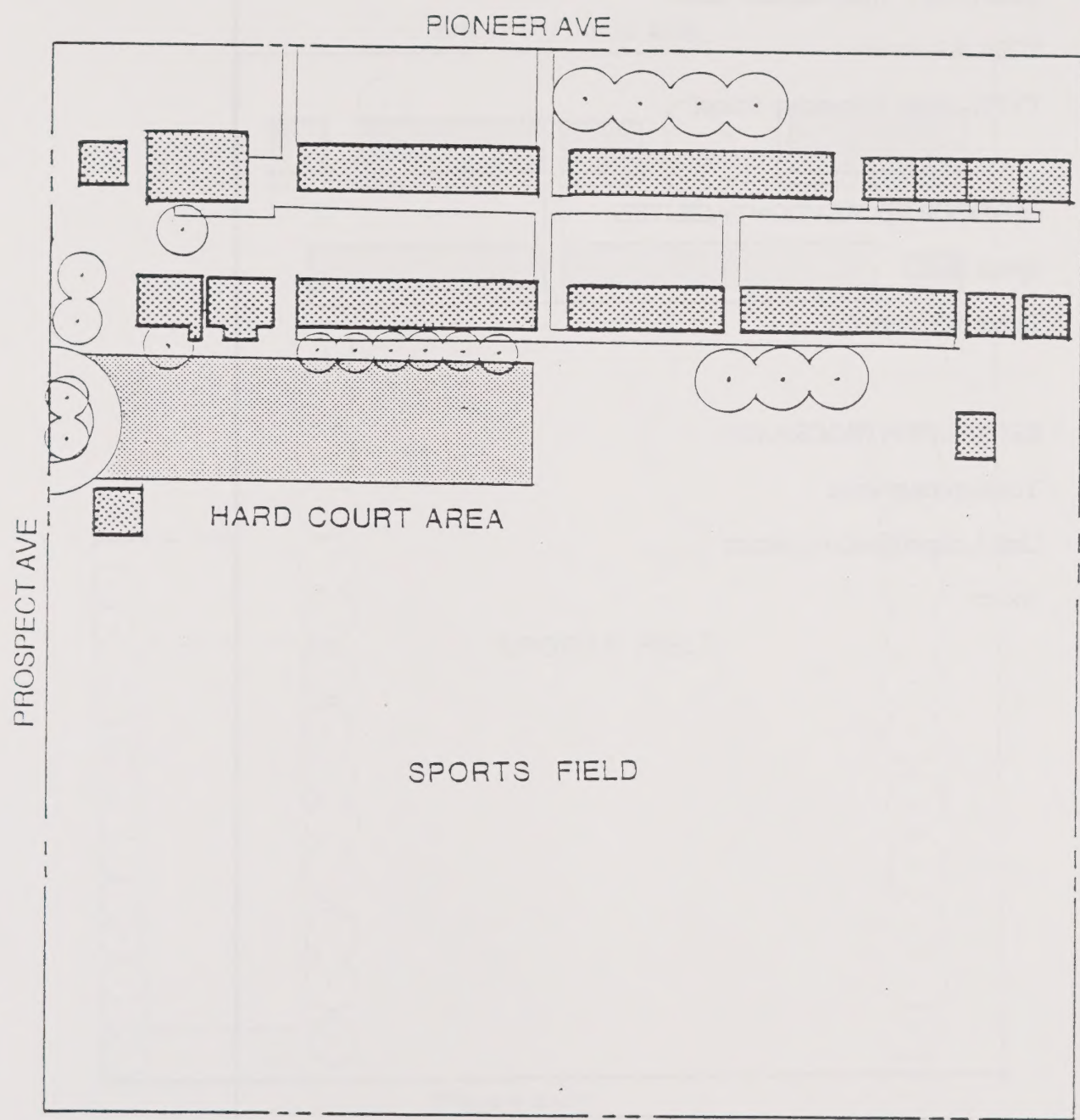
Little League

Knothole practice

Recreational after school program

Soccer

Intramural sports program



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WESTFIELD ELEMENTARY SCH

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WEST PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: West Putnam Avenue

SIZE: 8.9 Acres

TYPE: Public Elementary School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field

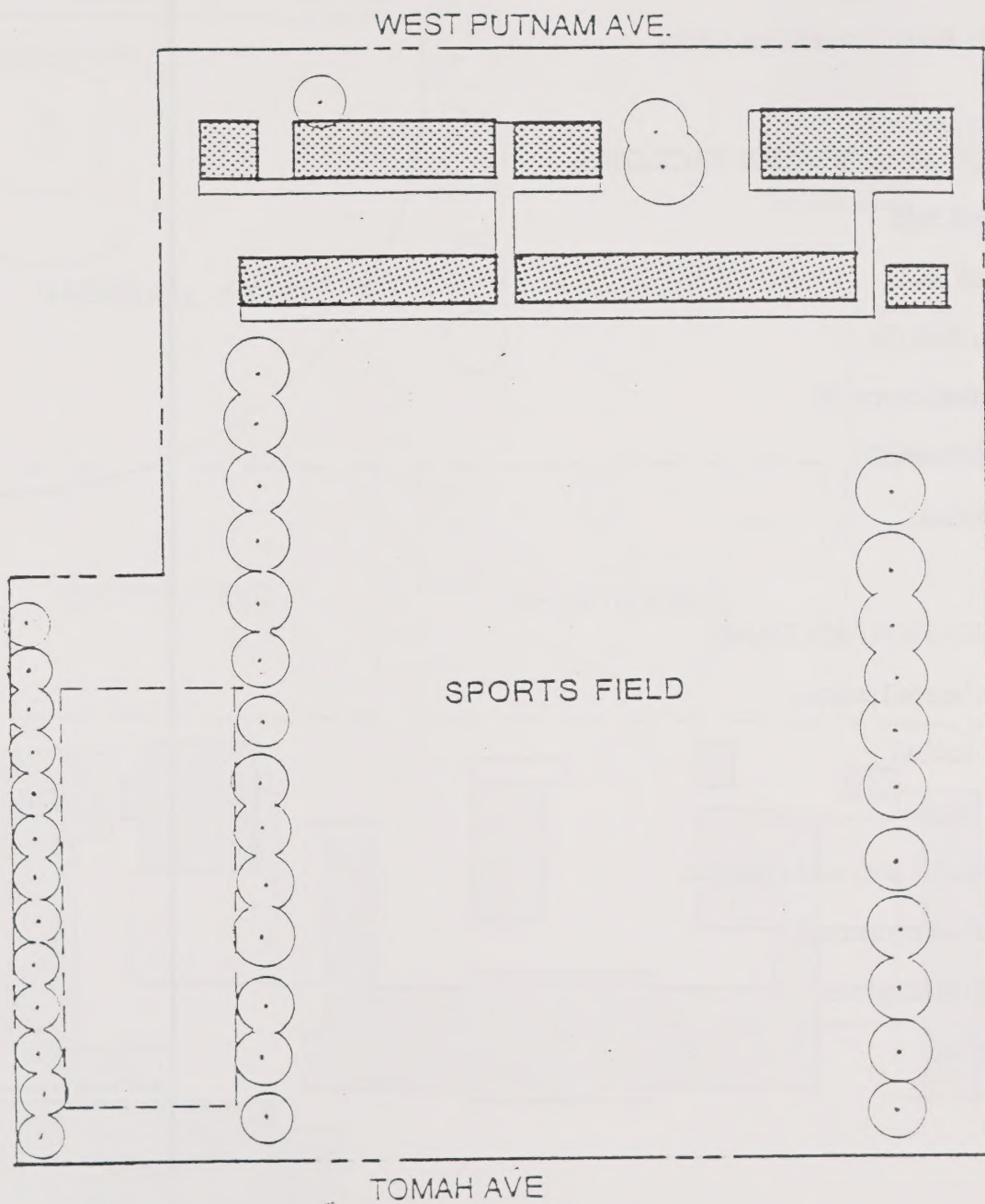
Tether ball courts (6)

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth sports practice

Little League/Knothole practice

Soccer



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WEST PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCH.

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BARTLETT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: 'G' Street and Morton Avenue

SIZE: 13.65 Acres

TYPE: Public Intermediate School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Baseball field

Softball field

Sports field (3)

Basketball courts (4)

Tennis courts (2)

Gymnasium

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth baseball practice

Girls' softball

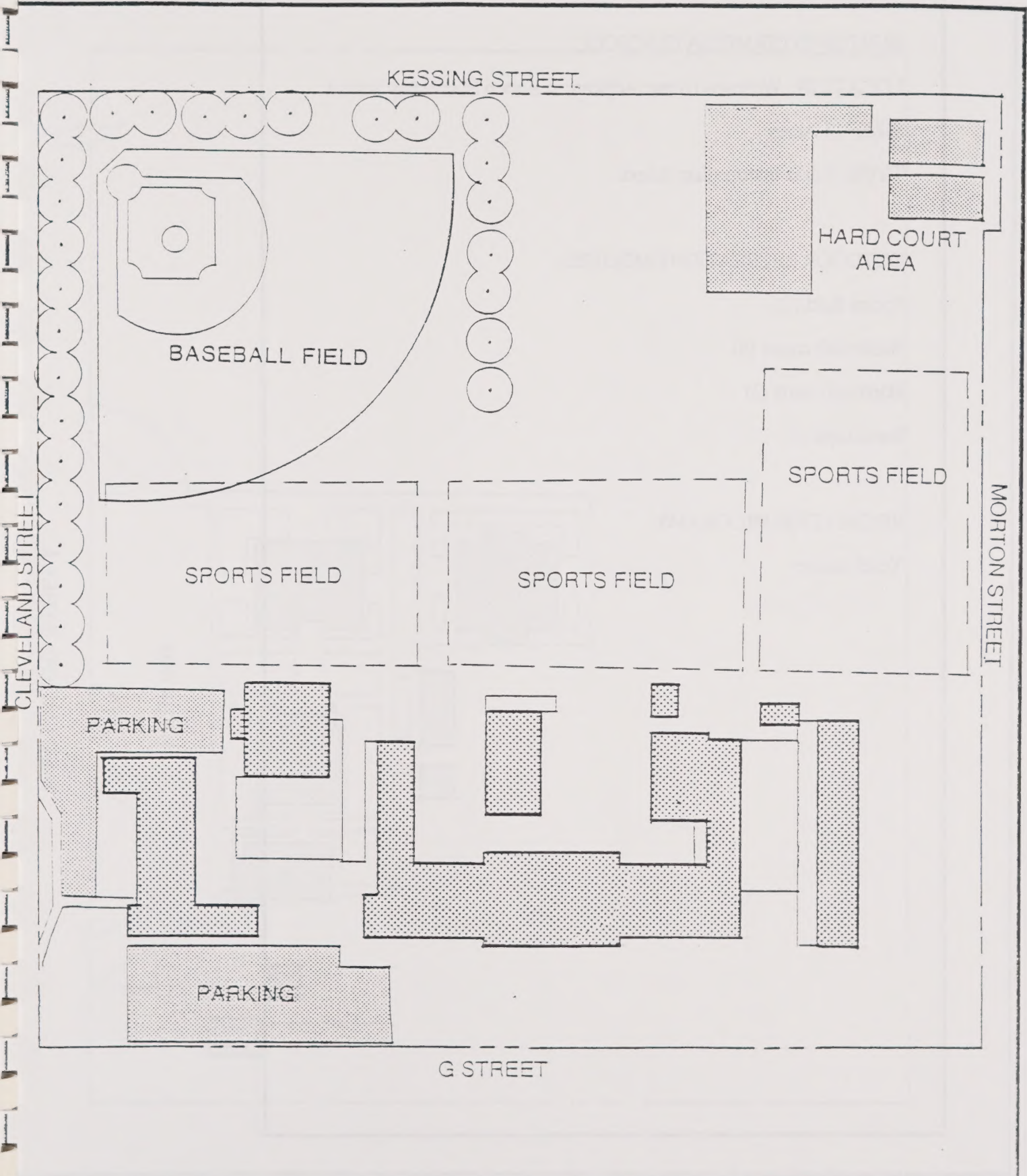
Little League

Recreational after school program

Basketball tournaments

Flag football games

Volleyball



BARTLETT Jr. HIGH SCHOOL

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MAP

BURTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Westwood Street/Adjacent to Burton Elementary School

SIZE: 16 Acres

TYPE: Public Intermediate School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Sports field (2)

Basketball courts (4)

Handball courts (2)

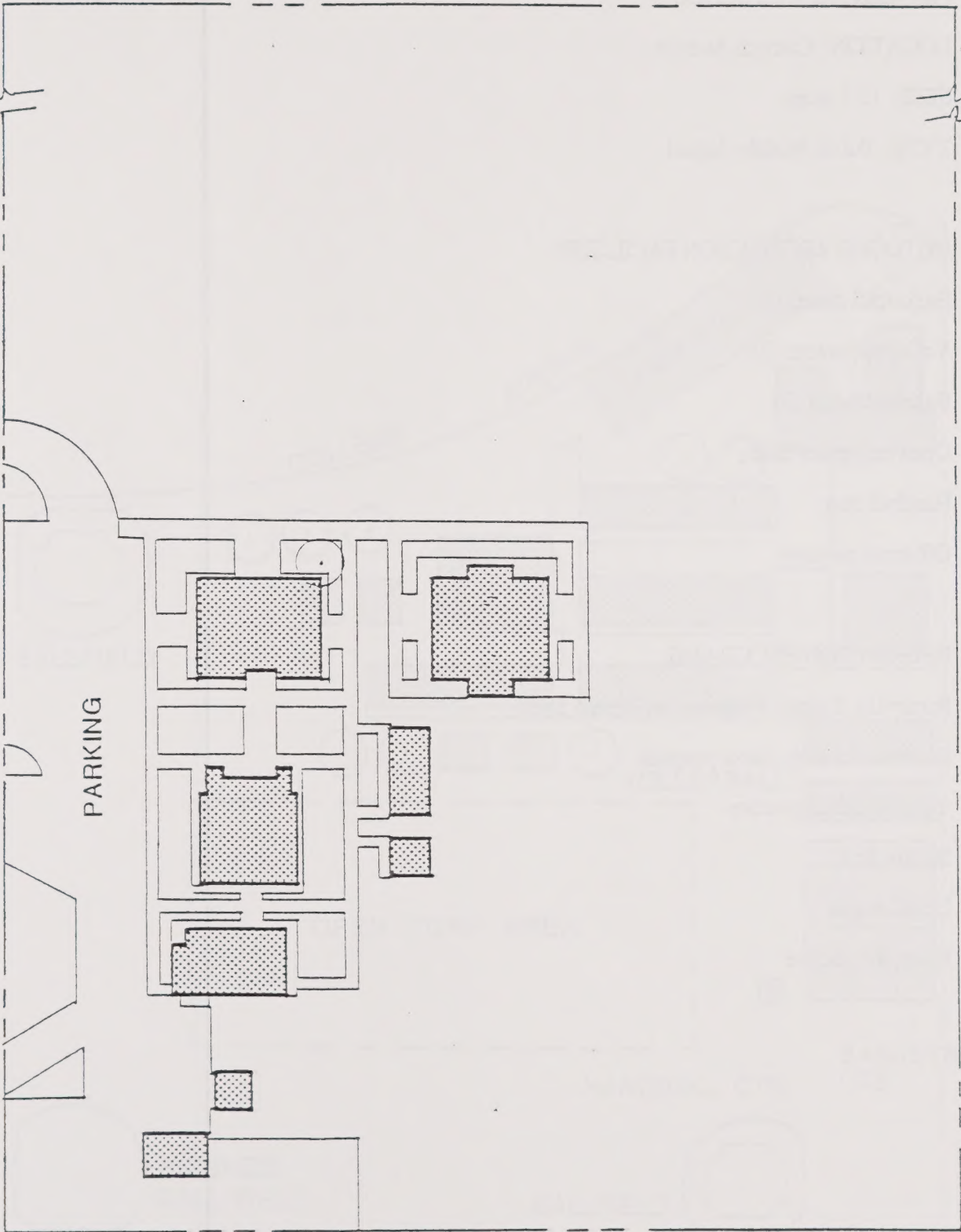
Backstops (2)

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Youth soccer

WESTWOOD STREET

PARKING



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BURTON INTERMEDIATE SCH.

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MAP

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Campus Avenue

SIZE: 13.7 acres

TYPE: Public Middle School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Basketball courts (6)

Volleyball courts (2)

Baseball fields (3)

Open turf/sports field

Handball court

Off-street parking

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Porterville Softball Program (on lighted field)

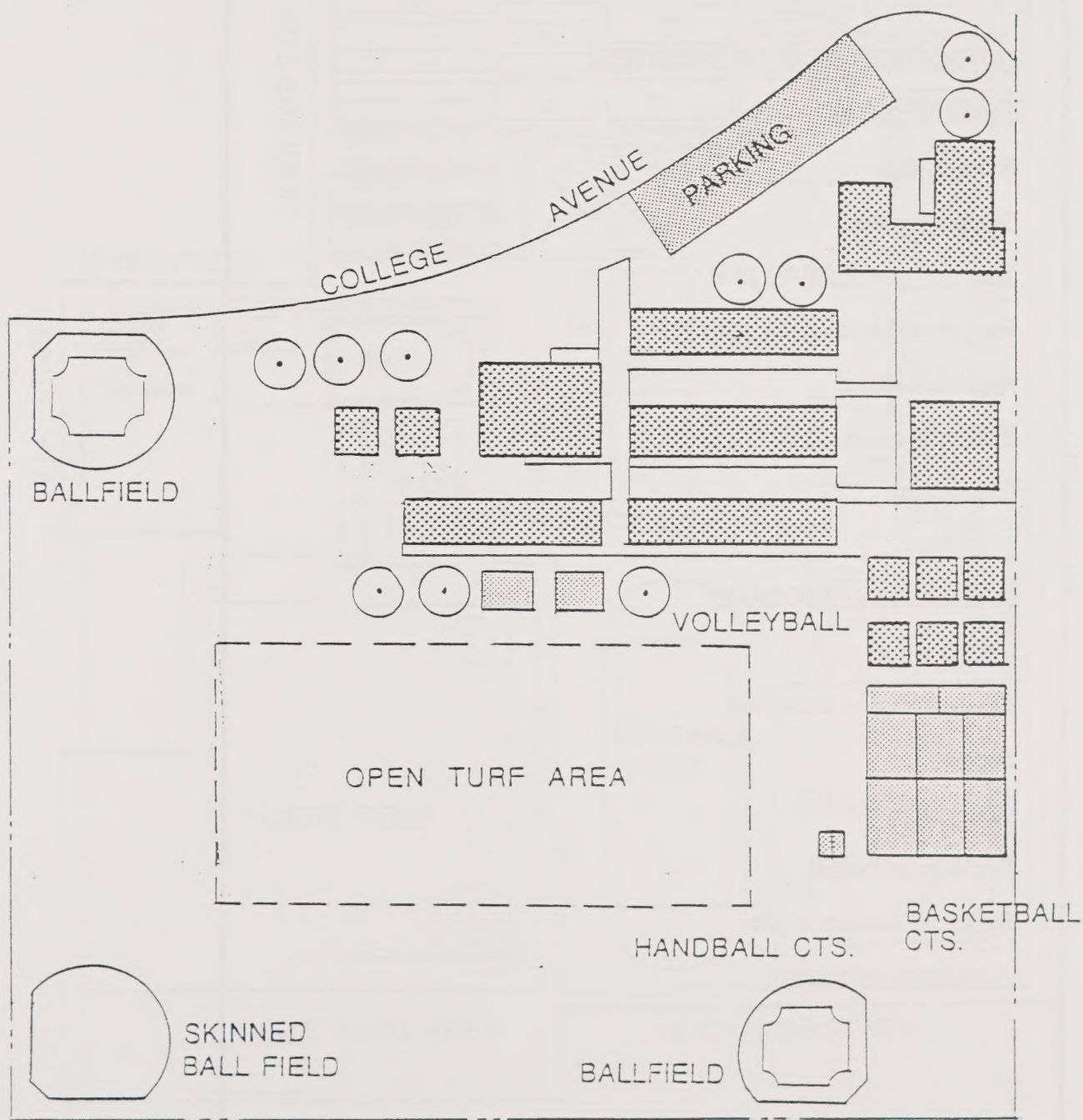
Recreational after school program

Youth Baseball practice

Bobby Sox

Little League

Knothole practice



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

PORTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Olive Avenue and Jaye street

SIZE: 42.6 Acres

TYPE: Public High School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Softball fields (4)

Baseball field

Tennis courts (9)

Track

Pool, restroom, changing room

Auditorium/theater

Basketball courts (4)

Gymnasium

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Track and field

Baseball practice, Babe Ruth

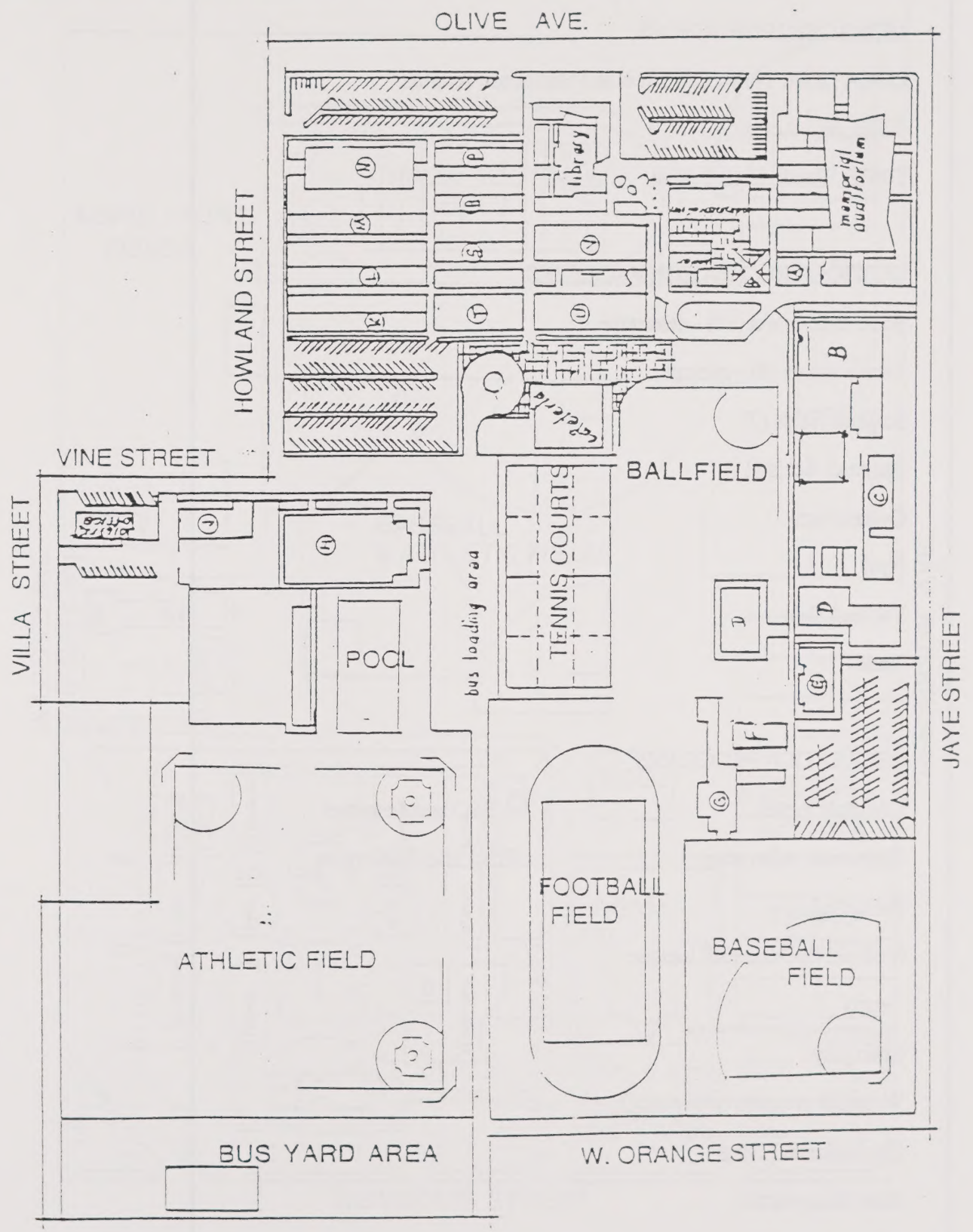
Soccer

Cheerleading

Pop Warner Football

Basketball summer league

Aqua Lions swimming



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PORTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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MAP

MONACHE HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Newcomb Street and Henderson Avenue

SIZE: 56.7 Acres

TYPE: Public High School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Basketball courts (10) - determine

Tennis courts (8) - relocate

Softball fields (7)

Baseball fields (1)

Gymnasium

Pool

Football field

Track

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Knothole games

AYSO soccer games

Neptunites swim team

Track and field events

Basketball

National Jr. Basketball League

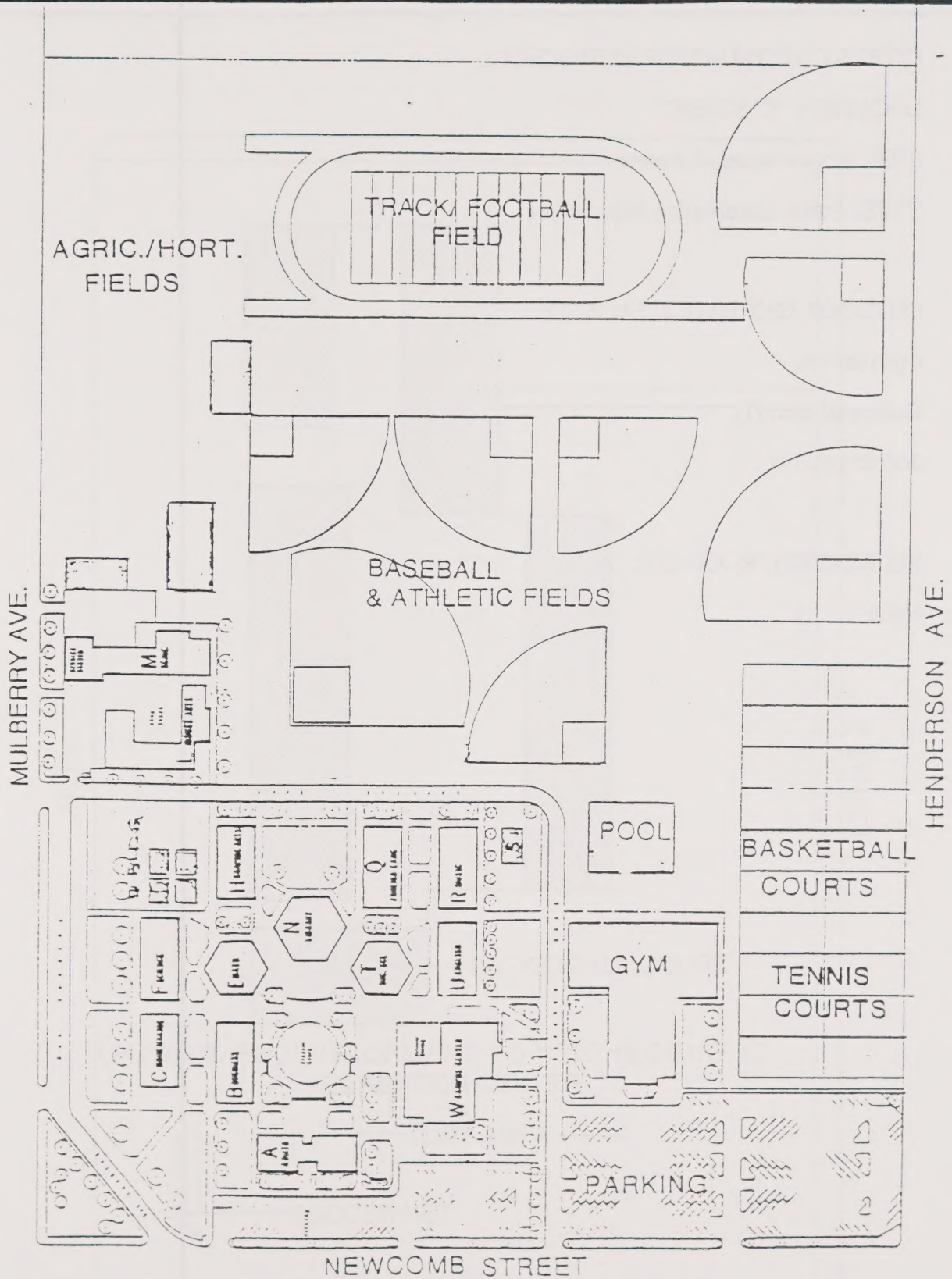
Tennis

Open play

Wrestling program (year-round)

City basketball camp

Babe Ruth practice



MONACHE HIGH SCHOOL

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CITRUS CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: 'C' STREET

SIZE: Approximately 1.5 acres

TYPE: Public Continuation High School

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

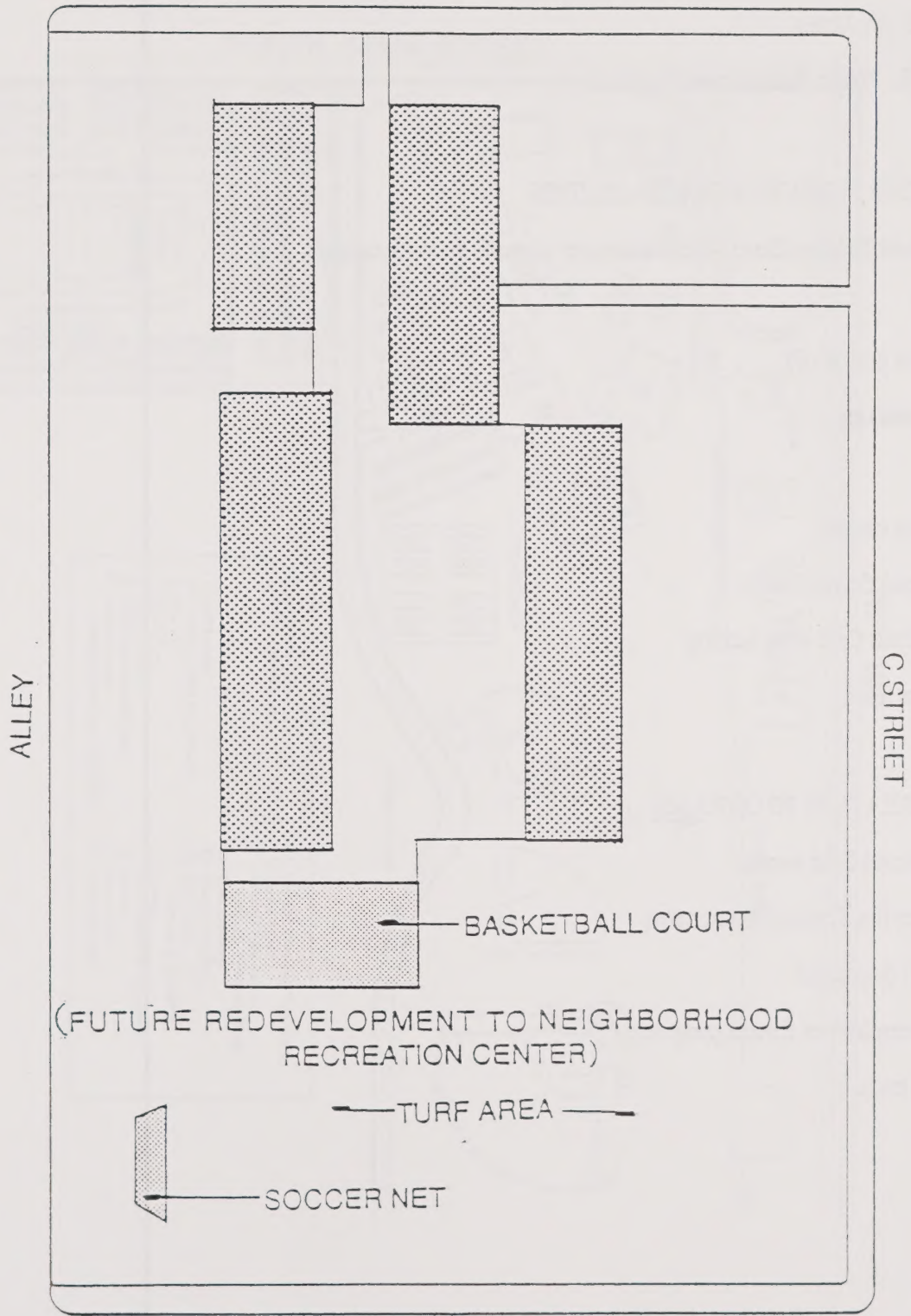
Open turf area

Basketball court (1)

Soccer goal (1)

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

None



CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL

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PORTERVILLE JUNIOR COLLEGE

LOCATION: South Main & College Avenue

SIZE: 56 Acres

TYPE: Public Educational Facilities

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:

Football field/stadium with announcer's booth & concessions

Track

Tennis courts (8)

Gymnasium

Pool

Fitness center

Softball fields (2)

Handball field with seating

Sports field

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

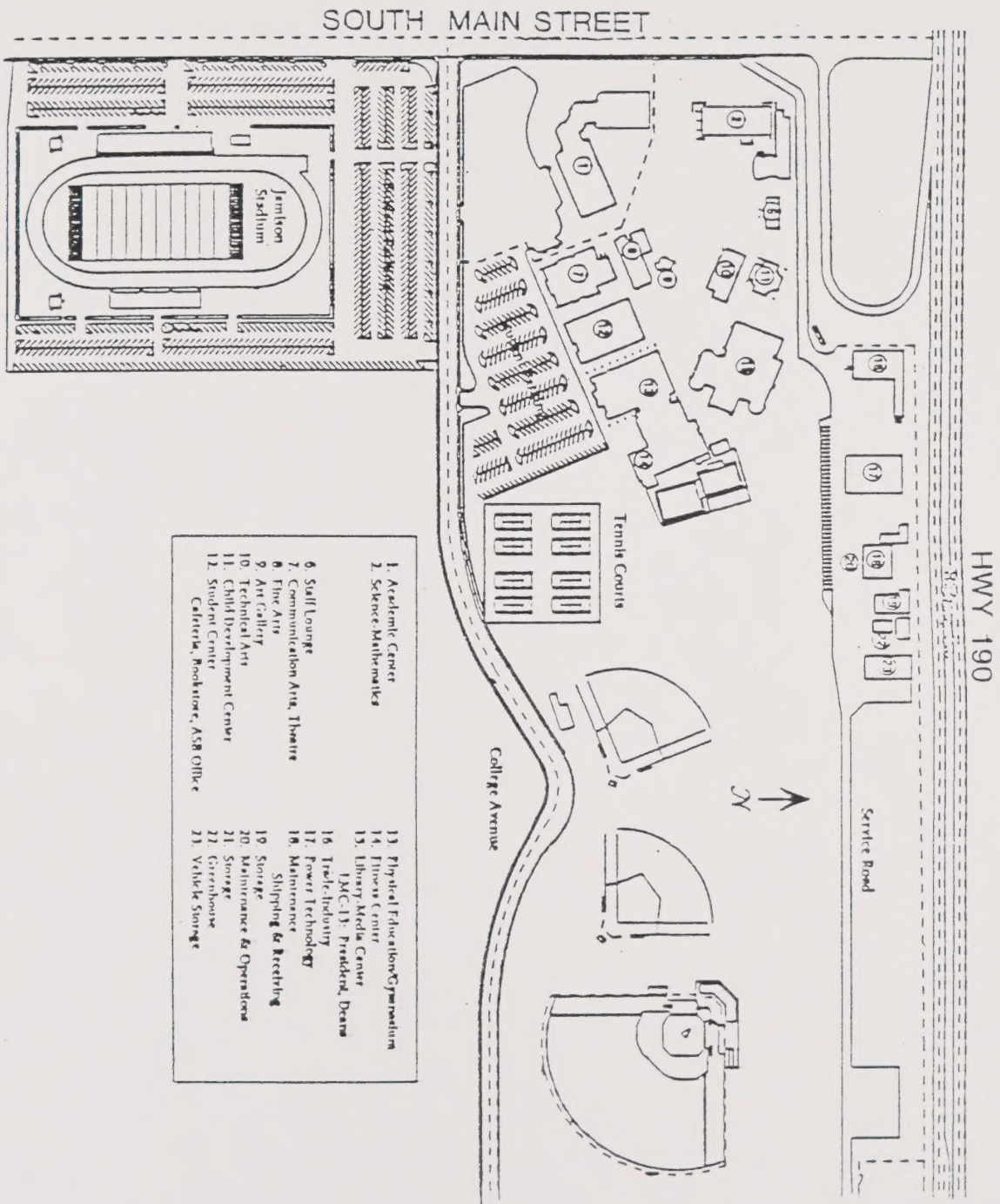
Track and field events

Porterville Softball association

Youth basketball

City employees fitness program

Open track



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PORTERVILLE COLLEGE

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Appendix B
Community Surveys

TELEPHONE SURVEYS

CITY OF PORTERVILLE: Parks & Recreation Community Survey

We're conducting a survey to help determine what parks and recreation improvements are desired at existing and new parks. Please take time to answer some questions to help us. These questions are opinion questions and don't have a "right" answer.

1. How often do you or your family visit parks or participate in recreation programs in the City.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| a. Daily | 8% |
| b. Weekly | 22% |
| c. Monthly | 30% |
| d. Seasonal for specific activity | 35% |
| e. Never | 5% |

2. How often do you or your family visit parks outside of the City of Porterville?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| a. Daily | 1% |
| b. Weekly | 10% |
| c. Monthly | 17% |
| d. Seasonal for specific activity | 57% |
| e. Never | 15% |

3. How often do you or your family use school grounds for non-school related recreation?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| a. Daily | 8% |
| b. Weekly | 20% |
| c. Monthly | 19% |
| d. Seasonal for specific activity | 17% |
| e. Never | 36% |

4. Do you consider the existing level of park maintenance to be:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| a. More than adequate | 13% |
| b. Adequate | 73% |
| c. Less than adequate | 14% |

5. What improvements do you recommend in park maintenance?

- | | |
|---|----|
| Cleaner restrooms | 30 |
| Clean up litter/broken glass | 8 |
| More irrigation (greener turf) | 6 |
| Clean pond | 5 |
| More security | 5 |
| Clean benches | 3 |
| Clean up graffiti | 3 |
| All great | 2 |
| Fenced playgrounds | 2 |
| Clean basketball courts | 1 |
| Clean sandboxes | 1 |
| Cleaner pavilions | 1 |
| Excess water on walk path in early A.M. | 1 |
| Kill gophers | 1 |
| More garbage cans | 1 |
| More staff | 1 |
| More trash pickup | 1 |
| Quieter maintenance | 1 |
| No opinion | 70 |

City of Porterville
Parks & Recreation Community Survey

6. Please identify how important or unimportant you think each type of park facility is to you and your family. Use a ranking of 4 to 1. Four is Very Important, "3" is Important, "2" is Unimportant, "1" is Very Unimportant, and "0" is for No Opinion.

	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Park benches	60	22	9	3	6
Family picnic with table and small BBQ	56	26	7	5	6
Group picnic area	52	28	8	4	8
Walking and jogging paths	41	32	12	5	10
Nature study areas	39	29	14	6	12
Bike paths	37	31	11	8	13

7. Please rate the importance of the following sport activities facilities to you and your family. Use the same importance categories with "4" as Very Important and "1" as Very Unimportant.

	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Swimming	43	26	11	6	14
Baseball	43	25	10	8	22
Volleyball	34	24	17	10	15
Basketball	33	24	17	10	16
Softball	32	30	14	7	17
Tennis	27	25	19	13	16
Aerobics - indoor	26	16	19	16	23
Soccer	25	19	23	11	22
Dance - indoor	23	14	14	20	29
Golf	22	18	17	15	28
Horseshoes	20	19	19	19	23
Raquetball	18	18	21	14	29
Handball	14	19	20	19	28

8. Please rank the following different types of children's facilities and child care as to their importance to you and your family. Please use the same importance categories.

	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Playground	67	13	4	1	15
Child care facilities at schools	53	12	9	5	21
After school child care	52	9	11	6	22
Bus service between school and the child care facility	48	13	11	5	23
All day child care	46	14	11	6	23

9. The City Department of Parks and Recreation may plan special recreation opportunities at parks or out of town. Please rank the importance of the following special recreation programs to you and your family.

	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Arts and crafts in parks	39	26	21	8	6
Cultural events	38	29	18	2	13
Special interest classes	38	23	24	5	10
Festivals in parks	36	33	20	4	7
Special interest trips	33	29	24	5	9

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10. Please rank the importance of planting new street trees in the city.

	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Parks	86	6	5	1	2
Residential neighborhood	71	15	9	2	3
Downtown	69	15	6	5	5
Commercial areas	65	19	10	2	4
Industrial areas	62	16	14	4	4

11. In the following questions we would like to get your recommendations for improvements to existing parks and recreation in Porterville. These recommendations can apply to any parks in the City. What improvements to existing parks, if any, would be important to you and your family?

More picnic tables/area	23
More security	21
More shade	14
More benches	14
Better access to Murray Park	4
More restrooms	4
More night lighting	4
Nicer-looking restrooms	4
Bike route	3
More kids activities	3
More parking at Veterans Park	3
More shrubs/turf	3
Plant more flowers	3
Handicap ramps/toilets	2
More sheltered picnic areas	2
Need playground equipment	2
Nice playgrounds	2
Baseball fields	1
Bilingual signs	1
Childrens soccer field	1
Childrens-size toilets/sinks	1
Curfew under 16	1
Larger picnic areas	1
Leave parks open longer	1
More ducks at Zalud Park	1
More fencing	1
More green areas	1
No drinking	1
Portable concession stands	1
Stage at Murray Park	1
Stop cutting trees	1
Tennis courts	1
Walking/jogging paths	1
Water faucets	1
No opinion	55

City of Porterville
Parks & Recreation Community Survey

12. What new parks facilities, if any, would you recommend that the City construct ?

More childrens play equipment/playgrounds	11
More bathrooms	7
More pools	7
Basketball courts	5
More small neighborhood parks	5
Large, covered picnic areas	4
Miniature golf	3
Gold course(s)	2
More ballfields	2
More parks	2
More tables	2
Recreation center with gym	2
Amusement park	1
Another park like Veterans	1
Better bathrooms	1
Childrens wading pools	1
More benches	1
More group picnic areas	1
Nature study walk	1
New southside park	1
Open green areas	1
Park 'geared' to handicapped	1
River Parkway	1
Walking paths	1
No opinion	99

13. What new recreation programs, if any, would you recommend that the City implement?

Teen dances/activities	9
Aerobics/jazzercise/ballroom	7
Kids arts and crafts	3
Team sports	3
Volleyball leagues	3
Adult lap swim	2
Arts and crafts	2
Girls volleyball	2
Nature/environmental classes	2
Swimming classes-older people	2
After school activities	1
After school sports	1
Bicycle racing	1
Boys/girls clubs	1
Ethnic/cultural events	1
Evening park concerts	1
Festivals/special events	1
Full time day care	1
Girls programs	1
Golf	1
Half marathon	1
Handicap games	1
Kids events	1
Local musicians	1
Low income family programs	1

Modify rec program to accommodate year-round school	1
Mommy & Me swimming	1
More flexible hours on existing programs	1
Skateboarding	1
Sunday afternoon concerts	1
Tetherball	1
Triathlon	1
Trips	1
Youth golf program	1
Youth tennis program	1
No opinion	110

14. Do you feel that the existing amount of park facilities in your neighborhood is:

More than adequate	10%
Adequate	59%
Less than adequate	31%

15. What unique qualities of the City would you consider important to preserve as parkland or open space within the City?

Tule River	104
Historical buildings	103
Hillside areas	92
Agricultural land	87
Porter Slough	55
Don't cut old trees	2
Ponding basins	1
No opinion	33

16. If the City were to build a new community center or sports center in what area of the City would you want it to be located?

West	50
Downtown area	29
East	8
Northwest	5
Monache	4
Porterville College area	4
Henderson	3
North	2
Southeast	2
By the drive-in	1
Corner Prospect & Martin	1
Morton	1
Near freeway	1
Northeast	1
Outskirts	1
South central	1
South side of fairgrounds	1
Southwest	1
No opinion	45

17. What facilities would you want included in a new community center or sports center?

Pool	20
Basketball	16
Racquetball	15
Weight room	14
Gym/auditorium	13
Tennis courts	10
Aerobics facilities	9
Volleyball	9
Dance	8
Swimming	6
Baseball field w/lights	5
Tennis courts (lighted)	5
Crafts center	4
Exercise area	4
General recreation room	4
Meeting rooms	3
Volleyball	3
Water slides	3
Bandstand	2
Childrens activities room/area	2
General recreation programs	2
Ice skating rink	2
Stage	2
Any sports	1
Ballfield for organized leagues only	1
Banquet areas	1
Basketball (indoor-late P.M.)	1
Bike racing	1
Boxing ring	1
Croquet	1
Football	1
Frisbee/golf	1
Game room	1
Handicap sports	1
Health facilities	1
Health food bar	1
Multipurpose room	1
Social hall	1
Teen area w/tables, soda bar, play music	1
Wrestling	1
No opinion	70

18. At the present time what specific parks and recreation facilities in City parks would you be willing to pay an appropriate amount to reserve ?

Group picnic areas	106
Swimming pool	101
Ballfields	78
Zalud House	75
Tennis courts	6
None	6
No opinion	21

19. If the improvements to parks and recreation that you recommend were implemented by the City would you be willing to pay more for these facilities?

Yes	62%
No	16%
No opinion	22%

20. Which of the following methods, if any, would you recommend that the City utilize to increase parks and recreation funds. Select more than one if you wish.

Donations program	111
State and Federal grants	108
User fees for specific park facilities	100
User fees for specific recreation programs	98
Development fees for new projects in the City	77
City-wide assessment	44
None	8
No opinion	11

21. Please provide additional comments that may assist us in the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Element of the General Plan.

- Keep cost reasonable so more can participate.
- Provide lower fees for people on fixed or lower incomes.
- Open pool at 5:30 A.M. for working people.
- Older/retired person used to enjoy waling in parks; fearful now for safety and needs paths.
- Begin Tule River Parkway.
- Last swimming instructors weren't good instructors.
- No child should be denied to participate because they don't have the money.
- Other cities seem to have so many more and up-to-date facilities than Porterville - why?
- Programs and facilities should be user funded.
- A place for boys/girls to get involved in sports and games.
- City of Torrance has impressive recreation programs for physical and mental improvement.
- Anything to contribute to health of general population.
- People without children should not be allowed near childrens playgrounds. Attach a user fee to keep "deadbeats" out.
- Encourage people to clean up after themselves.
- Charge user fee to eliminate "riffraff".
- Keep activities available for pre-teen and teens who are susceptible to gang affiliation.
- Improve community spirit.
- Lifeguards are like wardens. The kids are afraid to do anything. "EASE UP".
- Keep costs reasonable for poor folks.
- Get teenagers involved in positive activities.
- Clean up areas around town and utilize old fundown land.

FIELD SURVEYS

CITY OF PORTERVILLE: MURRY PARK

Hello, we are conducting a Parks and Recreation survey for the City of Porterville. Do you have time to answer some questions to help us.

1. Do you live in the City of Porterville?

Yes	48	81%
No	11	19%

2. How far do you live from this park:

One block	5	8%
2 - 4 blocks	8	14%
1/2 - 1 mile	15	25%
More than 1	31	53%

3. How did you get to the park today:

Walk	11	19%
Bike	1	2%
Vehicle	46	79%
Other	0	

4. How often do you or your family visit this park?

Daily	8	13%
Weekly	20	34%
Monthly	14	24%
Seasonal	17	29%

5. What is the main reason for your visit to this park today?

Childrens' play	47
Ponies	2
Swimming	2
Family outing	5
Walk	2
Feed ducks	2
Parties	1

6. What other activities do you or your family participate in at this park?

Picnic	19
Swimming	18
Feed ducks	13
Play on playground equipment	11
Family BBQ	6
Family activities	2
Fishing	2
Kids day	2
Play ball	2
Walking	2

Carnival	1
Volleyball	1
No opinion	6
None	4

7. Is this park or are other parks a meeting place for your friends and/or your family?

Yes	50	83%
No	7	12%
No opinion	3	5%

8. How would you rate the quality of facilities in this park?

Excellent	18	32%
Good	52	56%
Fair	7	12%
Poor	0	

9. What improvements or facilities would you like to see at this park?

Clean restrooms	10
Better play equipment	9
Arbors for eating	7
More restrooms	4
Security	4
More benches	3
Play equipment for smaller children	3
Reopen main road	3
Trees	3
Clean pond	2
More fish in lake	2
Parking	2
Snack bar	2
Basketball	1
Boat rides in pond	1
Cleaner park for better eating environment	1
Lighting	1
More drinking fountains	1
No loud music	1
Tennis	1
Water slide	1
None	4
No opinion	9

10. How would you rate the quality of maintenance at this park?

Less than adequate	2	4%
Adequate	40	70%
More than adequate	15	26%

Field Survey - Murry Park

11. What existing facilities would you be willing to pay to use?

Pool	18
Zoo	3
BBQ w/tables	2
Snack bar	2
Activities for children	1
Bathrooms	1
Fishing	1
Kids day	1
Water slide	1
None	12
No opinion	15

12. If the park improvements that you recommend for this park were to be constructed would you be willing to pay additional park fees to help pay for the improvements?

Yes	36	64%
No	12	22%
No opinion	8	14%

13. What other parks do you and your family use in the City of Porterville?

Veterans Park	36
Zalud Park	35
Murray Park	31
Hayes Park	6

14. What improvements would you recommend for other parks in the city?

Cleaner restrooms	10
Childrens activities	6
Updated play equipment	6
Benches and arbors	4
Family oriented activities	3
Drinking fountains	2
Pool	2
Better fishing	1
Better lighting for night walking	1
Community center	1
Concessions	1
Security	1
Trees	1
None	9
No opinion	12

15. What facilities would you recommend for new parks in the city?

Swings and play equipment	12
More restrooms	4
Water slide	4
Drinking fountains	2
Indoor pool for year-round activity	2

CITY OF PORTERVILLE: VETERANS PARK

Hello, we are conducting a Parks and Recreation survey for the City of Porterville. Do you have time to answer some questions to help us.

1. Do you live in the City of Porterville?

Yes	26	93%
No	2	7%

2. How far do you live from this park:

One block	3	11%
2 - 4 blocks	8	28%
1/2 - 1 mile	7	25%
More than 1	19	36%

3. How did you get to the park today:

Walk	6	21%
Bike	2	7%
Vehicle	19	68%
Other	1	4%

4. How often do you or your family visit this park?

Daily	4	15%
Weekly	13	48%
Monthly	4	15%
Seasonal	6	2%

5. What is the main reason for your visit to this park today?

Baseball game	10
Exercise	5
Recreation	3
Walking	3
Kids to play	2
BBQ	1
Family get-togethers	1

6. What other activities do you or your family participate in at this park?

Picnics	6
Football practice	4
Walk the track	3
Baseball	2
Church activity	2
Play catch	2
Playground	3
Biking	1
Seasonal recreation	1
None	3
No opinion	6

Field Survey - Veterans Park

7. Is this park or are other parks a meeting place for your friends and/or your family?

Yes	21	75%
No	5	18%
No opinion	2	7%

8. How would you rate the quality of facilities in this park?

Excellent	9	33%
Good	15	56%
Fair	3	11%

9. What improvements or facilities would you like to see at this park?

Lighted fields	7
Better seating	3
Remove graffiti on vets memorial	2
Restrooms	2
Arbors for large gatherings	1
Better turf	1
Concessions	1
Drinking fountains	1
Kids activities	1
Larger playground	1
Par course	1
Parking	1
Picnic tables	1
Trees	1
None	2
No opinion	4

10. How would you rate the quality of maintenance at this park?

Less than adequate	0	
Adequate	18	67%
More than adequate	9	33%

11. What existing facilities would you be willing to pay to use?

Lighting	2
Activities for kids	1
Pool	1
Restrooms	1
Snack bar	1
Tennis	1
None	9
No opinion	9

12. If the park improvements that you recommend for this park were to be constructed would you be willing to pay additional park fees to help pay for the improvements?

Yes	13	46%
No	3	11%
No opinion	12	43%

Field Survey - Veterans Park

13. What other parks do you and your family use in the City of Porterville?

Veterans Park	16
Zalud Park	16
Murray Park	12
Hayes Park	7

14. What improvements would you recommend for other parks in the city?

Cleaner restrooms	4
Access to Murray Park	1
Activities for kids	1
Clean water	1
Concessions	1
Drinking fountains	1
Picnic tables	1
Play equipment	1
Security	1
Trees	1
None	3
No opinion	18

15. What facilities would you recommend for new parks in the city?

Baseball	2
Similar to Zalud	2
Water park	2
Basketball	1
Concession stand	1
Lighted fields and courts	1
Parking	1
Pool	1
Restrooms	1
Snack bars	1
Tennis	1
Trees	1
Volleyball	1
Water fountains	1
None	3
No opinion	12

16. Age of individual surveyed:

Youth 12 - 18	2	7%
Adult 18 - 65	24	89%
Sr. Citizen 65+	1	4%

17. Sex of individual surveyed:

Male	11	41%
Female	16	59%

CITY OF PORTERVILLE: PORTERVILLE COLLEGE BALLFIELD

Hello, we are conducting a Parks and Recreation survey for the City of Porterville. Do you have time to answer some questions to help us.

1. Do you live in the City of Porterville?

Yes	17	77%
No	5	23

2. How far do you live from this park:

One block		
2 - 4 blocks		
1/2 - 1 mile		
More than 1	31	100%

3. How did you get to the park today:

Walk		
Bike		%
Vehicle	22	100%
Other		

4. How often do you or your family visit this park?

Daily	6	27%
Weekly	12	55%
Monthly	0	
Seasonal	4	18%

5. What is the main reason for your visit to this park today?

Baseball	6
Softball	15
Umpire	1
Watch game	1

6. What other activities do you or your family participate in at this park?

Golf	2
Family outings	2
Softball	2
Tennis	3
None	17

7. Is this park or are other parks a meeting place for your friends and/or your family?

Yes	18	82%
No	4	18%

Field Survey - Porterville College Ballfield

8. How would you rate the quality of facilities in this park?

Excellent	2	9%
Good	7	32%
Fair	9	41%
Poor	4	18%

9. What improvements or facilities would you like to see at this park?

Cleaner restrooms	4
Better seating	3
Bug control	2
Trees	2
Better lighting	1
Better maintenance	1
Drinking fountains	1
No opinion	4

10. How would you rate the quality of maintenance at this park?

Less than adequate	4	18%
Adequate	15	68%
More than adequate	3	14%

11. What existing facilities would you be willing to pay to use?

Softball diamonds	5
Tennis courts	3
Pool	1
Restrooms	1
None	8
No opinion	5

12. If the park improvements that you recommend for this park were to be constructed would you be willing to pay additional park fees to help pay for the improvements?

Yes	11	50%
No	7	32%
No opinion	4	18%

13. What other parks do you and your family use in the City of Porterville?

Veterans Park	15
Murray Park	10
Zalud Park	9
Hayes Park	6

14. What improvements would you recommend for other parks in the city?

Safety	3
Picnic tables	2
None	2
Food vending	1

Field Survey - Porterville College Ballfield

More activities for kids	1
Softball fields	1
None	2
No opinion	11

15. What facilities would you recommend for new parks in the city?

Softball diamonds	8
Snack bar	3
Picnic facilities	2
Pool	2
Drinking fountain	1
Horseshoes	1
Open air concerts	1
Play areas	1
Restrooms	1
Security	1
Tennis courts	1
None	1
No opinion	8

16. Age of individual surveyed:

Youth 12 - 18	1	5%
Adult 18 - 65	18	95%
Sr. Citizen 65+	0	

17. Sex of individual surveyed:

Male	11	58%
Female	8	42%

CITY OF PORTERVILLE: ZALUD PARK

Hello, we are conducting a Parks and Recreation survey for the City of Porterville. Do you have time to answer some questions to help us.

1. Do you live in the City of Porterville?

Yes	14	82%
No	3	18%

2. How far do you live from this park:

One block	0	
2 - 4 blocks	4	24%
1/2 - 1 mile	5	29%
More than 1	8	47%

3. How did you get to the park today:

Walk	3	18%
Bike	1	6%
Vehicle	13	76%

4. How often do you or your family visit this park?

Daily	3	19%
Weekly	7	44%
Monthly	1	6%
Seasonal	5	31%

5. What is the main reason for your visit to this park today?

Relaxation	4
Volleyball	3
Exercise/walking	2
Family party	2
Picnic	2
Tennis	2
Baseball game	1
Get together with friends	1
Restroom use	1

6. What other activities do you or your family participate in at this park?

Sports	2
Picnic	2
Baseball	1
Family play and activities	1
Frisbee and games	1
Leisurely walks	1
None	10

Field Survey - Zalud Park

7. Is this park or are other parks a meeting place for your friends and/or your family?

Yes	7	39%
No	7	39%
No opinion	4	22%

8. How would you rate the quality of facilities in this park?

Excellent	5	29%
Good	8	47%
Fair	4	24%

9. What improvements or facilities would you like to see at this park?

Basketball court	1
Better tennis courts	1
Better turf	1
Cleaner	1
More play equipment	1
Sand volleyball court	1
Vending machine	1
None	4
No opinion	8

10. How would you rate the quality of maintenance at this park?

Less than adequate	0	
Adequate	16	94%
More than adequate	1	6%

11. What existing facilities would you be willing to pay to use?

Ballpark	2
None	5
No opinion	10

12. If the park improvements that you recommend for this park were to be constructed would you be willing to pay additional park fees to help pay for the improvements?

Yes	6	35%
No	4	24%
No opinion	7	41%

13. What other parks do you and your family use in the City of Porterville?

Zalud Park	10
Veterans Park	7
Murray Park	6
Hayes Park	1

Field Survey - Zalud Park

14. What improvements would you recommend for other parks in the city?

Lighted fields	1
Basketball courts	1
Nice benches	1
Bike trails	1
Walking trails	1
None	5
No opinion	7

15. What facilities would you recommend for new parks in the city?

More like Zalud	2
Basketball courts	2
Tennis	1
Play equipment	1
None	5
No opinion	8

16. Age of individual surveyed:

Youth 12 - 18	3	18%
Adult 18 - 65	14	82%
Sr. Citizen 65+	0	

17. Sex of individual surveyed:

Male	15	88%
Female	2	12%

Appendix C

Workshop Comments

1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose and Scope of the Study

The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of various factors on the performance of the system.

The scope of the study is limited to the analysis of the data collected during the workshop sessions.

1.2. Objectives of the Study

1.3. Research Questions

1.4. Significance of the Study

1.5. Organization of the Report

The report is organized into five main sections: Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.

1.6. Summary of the Findings

2. Methodology

2.1. Data Collection Methods

2.2. Data Analysis Techniques

2.3. Limitations of the Study

2.4. Ethical Considerations

2.5. Summary of the Methodology

The methodology section describes the procedures used to collect and analyze the data.

2.6. Summary of the Methodology

3. Results

3.1. Descriptive Statistics

3.2. Inferential Statistics

3.3. Summary of the Results

3.4. Interpretation of the Results

3.5. Summary of the Results

3.6. Summary of the Results

Appendix C
Workshop Comments

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Workshop Comments

1. General

- 1.1 Plant more trees throughout Porterville.
- 1.2 As city expands in various directions incorporate new parks in proportion to
- 1.3 As subdivisions are planned attach developer fees to procure and develop park land - perhaps tie them to schools as they are built.
- 1.4 Require high park density for new development.
- 1.5 City needs new community facilities.
- 1.6 Develop a sports park for children 8 to 12 years old with lighted ball fields.
- 1.7 Par exercise course on each school campus.
- 1.8 There are no parks south of Orange Street. Develop new park or parks to serve the residents south of Orange Street.
- 1.9 New sports facilities to include lights and concessions.

2. West Porterville

- 2.1 West Porterville needs public pool.
- 2.2 Construct community center for seniors west of Newcomb and south of Olive.
- 2.3 Develop radio controlled cars facility at Hwy 65 and Henderson.
- 2.4 Northwest Porterville needs park with tennis courts.
- 2.5 Traffic control at Henderson and Hwy 65.
- 2.6 Pedestrian overpass at Hwy 65 and Henderson to help eliminate serious safety hazard.
- 2.7 Soccer at corner of Newcomb and Olive.

3. East Porterville

- 3.1 Develop golf course in east Porterville.
- 3.2 Develop Park facilities with picnic area in Rocky Hill area of East Porterville.
- 3.3 Develop park in area south of holding pond off Morton Avenue in East Porterville.
- 3.4 Current golf course to be moved to East Porterville.
- 3.5 Target range in east Porterville.

4. Tule River

- 4.1 Construct bike trails along Tule River.
- 4.2 Tule River - Incorporate bicycle trail with parking facility. Pattern it after Sacramento River Trail.
- 4.3 Bike path to follow railroad spur and Tule River.
- 4.4 Community center for youth and seniors at Tule River and Hwy 65 with adequate parking.
- 4.5 Develop water park at Hwy 65 and Tule River.
- 4.6 Proposed parkway along Tule River.
- 4.7 Tule River - area for river rafting.

5. Golf Course

- 5.1 Golf course needs lights.
- 5.2 Soccer across from municipal golf course off Olive.

6. Murry Park

- 6.1 Construct sports facilities at location of the current golf course as part of Murry Park.
- 6.2 Develop barn theater at Murry Park.
- 6.3 Develop skateboard area at Murry Park.
- 6.4 Develop soap box derby at Murry Park.
- 6.5 Murry Park needs more renovation.

7. Veterans Park

- 7.1 Extend Veterans Park to southwest corner of the block. Use area for ballfield.
- 7.2 Veterans Park needs horseshoe pits implemented.

8. Zalud Park

- 8.1 Zalud Park - Install lights for youth baseball.
- 8.2 Zalud Ballpark - Possible sports complex with baseball/football.

9. Hayes Field

- 9.1 Hayes Field needs more accessibility and parking.

10. Airport/OHV

- 10.1 Construct sports complex at OHV Park.

- 10.2 Additional park to be included at Porterville Airport development.
- 10.3 Golf Course - Include at Porterville Airport .
- 10.4 Construct lighted ball field in airport area.
- 10.5 Move fairgrounds to Airport Open Space Area. Extend Newcomb to Scranton for better access from west Porterville.
- 10.6 Is sports complex at airport desirable?

11. Porter Slough

- 11.1 Porter Slough - If environmentally OK, cover slough and turn into green space with bike and/or walking trails.
- 11.2 Porter Slough - Clean up slough and incorporate neighborhood park.

12. Entrances

- 12.1 Main entrances to Porterville need more planting and classy design.
- 12.2 Park along Hwy 65 as esthetic entrance to Porterville.
- 12.3 Plant tree screen on south entrance into Porterville on Hwy 65.
- 12.4 More planting and streetscaping to screen shacks along Hwy 65 between Olive and Tule River.

13. Downtown

- 13.1 Main Street in downtown Porterville needs downtown plaza for attractive city core.
- 13.2 Downtown Plaza - Tear down old Frontier Building and build urban fountain plaza.
- 13.3 Community Center in downtown Porterville.

14. Alta Vista School Park

- 14.1 Alta Vista area needs park with recreation programs for the children that are more needy in this area.

15. Doyle School

- 15.1 Doyle School area needs park with recreation programs for the children that are more needy in this area.

16. Vandalia School

- 16.1 Construct sports park adjacent to east side of Porterville College and Vandalia Elementary School.

17. Fairgrounds

- 17.1 Current fairgrounds to become new city sports complex.

Appendix D Funding Mechanism

APPENDIX D: FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

1. Introduction

This appendix to the Porterville Parks and Recreation Element presents a financial analysis of the cost of the proposed park development program and potential revenues to fund program implementation. This appendix is divided into the following sections: Park Capital Costs, Capital Funding Sources, State and Federal Grants, Current Revenue Sources, New Revenue Sources, Financing Alternatives, and Operating Costs considerations.

2. Park Capital Costs

General cost estimates have been assigned to the existing park system and for the new parks described in the master plan. Using these cost estimates a park facility cost database has been completed. The database shows the cost associated with the acquisition and development of each park.

Figure D-2 summarizes improvement costs for each park. According to Figure D-2, the total cost of the park development program is approximately \$9,790,750, (Note: All costs and revenues presented in this chapter are 1993 dollars unless otherwise stated). Because neither revenue or costs include inflation, the analysis is consistent and easier to follow. Approximately 6% of these costs are for improvements to existing parks and 94% are for development of new parks.

3. Capital Funding Sources

The revenue for completing the park master plan will come from three types of sources. These sources are:

- ♦State and Federal Grants
- ♦Revenue sources currently in place
- ♦New revenue

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

In the past, the state and federal government have provided funds for local park projects. In 1989 Porterville received \$137,000 from State Park Bond Fund. But the future of such funding is dependent on the state continuing to pass and issue bonds and congressional funding. A new park bond act is being proposed for 1994. Another possible funding source for areas serving low and moderate income households may be Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) is another possible funding source. The ISTEA funding can be used to fund certain types of trails and scenic corridors. Up to \$200,000,000 could be distributed in California under this program in the next 10 years.

The California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) offers an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Grant. This program provides grants to local and nonprofit entities to mitigate the environmental impact of modified or new public transportation facilities. Eligible projects include resource lands to include restoration of wildlife corridors, highway landscape and urban forestry and roadside recreational which provides for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities such as trails, scenic overlooks and trailheads.

Another grant possibility is the National Recreational Trails Act (NRTA). The monies from this grant must be used to develop recreational trails. The grant is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The National Recreation Trails Act (NRTA) became law in 1991. NRTA authorized 30 million per year for six years for acquisition and development of recreational trails. SB1282 requires that 70% of the funds received by California be used for non motorized trails and 30% for motorized trails. SB1282 also requires that at least one-half of the funds for non motorized trails be available for grants to cities and non-profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands for acquisition development and/or reconstruction of recreational trails. Trail funding would benefit the parks we are proposing to build along the Tule River. The Trail Act would also be eligible to fund portions of the Tule River Parkway.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a yearly funded program administered by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The LWCF program was established to provide funds to federal, state and local agencies. The types of projects funded include acquisition or development of neighborhood community or regional parks. The grant is competitive and requires a 50% match.

REVENUE SOURCES CURRENTLY IN PLACE

The Landscape and Lighting District Act of 1972 permits the installation, maintenance and servicing of landscaping and lighting through annual assessments on real property benefitting from the improvement. The City currently has a district in place for maintenance of landscaping and lighting. The act also permits construction and maintenance of

appurtenant features including curbs, gutters, walls, sidewalks or paving, and irrigation and drainage facilities. A major advantage of landscape and lighting districts is that they can be established on protest proceedings basis rather than with a 2/3 affirmative vote by registered voters.

Other than the City's General Funds and grants and donations from individuals and service clubs, no other revenue sources currently exist.

POSSIBLE NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE

The Quimby Act is a mechanism that allows local agencies to establish an ordinance requiring residential subdivision developers to provide land or in-lieu fees for park and recreation purposes. The act specifies acceptable use or restrictions on expenditures of such funds. This act provides a viable and consistent means of providing parks to most California communities. Clearly, any expansion to the city's population creates a greater demand upon the existing parks system. If the demand for park services in Porterville as the city grows is to be met, a development impact fee could be established. In setting a proposed park development fee, the typical cost of acquiring and developing an acre of park land must be determined.

The 1982 Mello-Roos Community Relations Act (Government Code section 53311 et seq) allows jurisdictions to establish community facility districts and to levy special taxes to fund a wide variety of facilities and services. The procedure to establish a district requires a number of actions including public hearings, reports, notices, and an election requiring a 2/3 majority. Land in a district does not have to be contiguous and additional land maybe added later. A Mello-Roos tax can be used to pay for planning, design, and construction of local parks, recreation, and open space facilities and parkways.

General obligation bond measures require approval of 2/3 of a jurisdiction's voters. These bonds can be used to pay for acquisition and construction of public capital facilities. They cannot be used for equipment purchases or to pay for operations and maintenance.

The City may use revenue bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements for park facilities that generate revenue from user fees or concessions. This technique might work for sports complexes, day care centers and other special interest facilities, but it works most appropriately for golf courses where revenue generation is much greater than other

facilities. It may be necessary to loan the repayment costs of the bonds from other city monies during development of revenue producing facilities.

4. Financing Alternatives

Considering the state and federal budget deficits, it is unlikely that Porterville will receive significant funding from state and federal sources in the near future. Although Porterville should pursue such funding, it is assumed in this analysis that little if any grant money will be available on a regular basis for park development. As previously discussed, a practical way to finance parks based on need is through a residential development impact fee. Many communities in California now charge a development impact fee under the Quimby Act which allows local agencies to establish ordinances requiring developers to provide land, or in lieu, fees for park and recreation purposes and specifying acceptable uses or restrictions on the expenditures of such funds. This act provides the only viable and consistent means of providing future parks for the City of Porterville. Table D-5 shows a comparison of existing Quimby Act fees for jurisdictions in the general area of Porterville.

The Quimby Act allows a minimum park acreage standard of 3 acres per thousand people and a maximum of 5 acres per thousand. In order to set the standard above the minimum, a community must already be at that higher standard. The standard is set by comparing the ratio of the population of the city to the total number of acres designated as parkland in the City's records at the time of the most recent census.

Park acreage includes both developed and undeveloped neighborhood and community parkland. Figure D-1 shows the City's population and total park acreage as of the 1990 census. Based on today's population and total park acreage, the City's standard would be 3.5 acres per thousand.

The next step in setting the proposed park development fee is to determine the cost of developing each acre of new parkland. Figure D-2 shows the total estimated cost of the new park development program. Figure D-3 shows what a typical park of 10 acres will cost. The average cost per acre of parkland is estimated at \$51,250. It is further estimated that 1 acre of park land is valued at \$15,000 per acre. Combining the \$15,000 per acre cost with the \$51,250 development cost, gives a total one acre acquisition and development cost of \$66,250 per acre.

5. Operating Cost Considerations

As the park system expands, the cost of operating the system will increase. This section will analyze the effect of the new park program on operating costs.

The total park's maintenance budget for 1992-93 is \$714,757. Based on 105.37 acres of developed park land, the gross maintenance cost per acre is estimated at \$6,780 per acre. This average maintenance cost of \$6,780 per annum has been used to forecast park maintenance costs. Figure D-6 shows that the actual household cost per acre will rise very little depending on inflation over the life of this plan. If the operations and maintenance costs remain constant and the general fund budget grows proportionate to the population to fund the maintenance effort, no new funding sources for maintenance will be proposed. However, with our current budget experiences with the State of California, it is safe to assume that additional funds maybe necessary for maintenance.

City of Porterville
Park Acreage and Population

EXISTING PARK ACREAGE

EXISTING 1990	PARK ACREAGE	ADJUSTED PARK ACREAGE	
Hayes Field	7.50	7.50	
Murry Park	36.06	36.06	
Noon Lions Park	.25	.25	
North Park	.25	.25	
Olivewood Park	.25	.25	
Community Center	.67	.67	
Fairgrounds & Muni Ball Park	10.00	10.00	
Barn Theatre	1.00	1.00	
Veteran's Park	26.00	26.00	
Zalud Park	15.00	15.00	
Golf Course	38.00	0*	
Horse Arena	.25	0*	
Library	.41	.41	
Swimming Pool	.23	.23	
Airport OHV	55.00	0*	
Zalud House & Garden	.25	.25	
Pioneer School Ballfield	0.0	2.5**	
Porterville College Ballfields		5.00**	
Total Adjusted Acreage		105.37 Acres	

* Excluded from adjusted park acreage figure due to special recreation use.

** Included in adjusted park acreage figure due to school acreage developed for organized city recreation.

105.37 acres equals 3.5 ac/1000 people based on the 1990 census of city population of 29,563.

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City of Porterville
Summary of Costs for Each Park
(Amounts = 1993 Dollars)

Improvements to Existing Parks

Park Name	Acres	Amount
Murry Park	36.06	\$ 420,000
Veteran's Park	26.00	\$ 340,000
Zalud Park	15.00	\$ 20,000
Existing Parks Subtotals	77.06	\$ 780,000

New Park Facilities

Name	Acres	Amount
Airport Fairgrounds	37.00	\$1,170,000
Los Robles Park	7.00	\$ 358,750
Porter Slough Park **	18.00	\$ 922,500
East Morton Park	15.00	\$ 720,750
West Tule River Park **	29.00	\$1,480,625
Oxbow Park	3.00	\$ 100,000
Railroad Park	21.00	\$ 500,000
Headgate Park	3.00	\$ 320,000
North Plano Park	30.00	\$1,630,625
Burton Schools Ballfields	13.00	\$ 170,000
Floating Park NW	5.00	\$ 325,000
Floating Park N	10.00	\$ 660,000
Floating Park NE	5.00	\$ 321,250
Floating Park SW	5.00	\$ 331,250
New Park Subtotal	201.00	\$9,010,750

Total Existing
Total Costs

\$ 780,000
\$ 9,790,750*

*The total cost does not include the costs of a community center or additional swimming pool.

**Community Center (gym, game room, meeting room, restroom) 8,000 s.f. @ \$100/s.f. = \$800,000.
25 meter swimming pool - \$545,000. Water slide recommended for income production - \$85,000.

Case Study - Typical 10 acre park
Gross Park Site - 10 Acres

Earthwork	\$40,000	
Utilities	<u>\$16,000</u>	\$ 56,000
Construction		
Concrete Path/DG Path	\$25,000	
Handicapped Drinking Fountains	\$ 7,600	
Signage (2)	\$ 3,000	
Picnic Tables; pads (12)	\$12,000	
Bar-be-que (8)	\$ 2,800	
Bench & Pad (6)	\$ 3,000	
Trash Receptacles & Pads (8)	\$ 2,400	
Trash Bin Enclosure	<u>\$ 2,800</u>	\$ 58,600
Shelter	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Security Lighting (12 ea.)		\$ 21,000
Softball Field (300')		
Brick Dust (75 C.Y.)	\$ 3,200	
Concrete Team Bench	\$ 6,000	
Black Top	\$ 7,000	
Fencing	\$ 9,000	
Bases	\$ 600	
Bleachers (2 ea)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	\$ 30,800
Parking Lot, 20+ Stalls		\$ 28,000
Restroom	\$50,000	
Electricity to Bldg.	\$ 2,000	
Sewer & Water	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	\$ 56,000
Children's Play Area		
Sand (120 L.F.)	\$ 1,000	
Concrete Mow Curb, 18"	\$ 3,600	
Main Play Structure	\$24,000	
Misc. Small Play Elements	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	\$ 32,600
Irrigation		
Backflow Protection	\$ 2,080	
Auto Controls	\$ 2,000	
Main & Laterals Systems	<u>\$30,120</u>	\$ 84,200
267,070 S.F. @ \$.30		
Planting		
Turf, Soil Prep	\$12,050	
267,070 S.F. @ \$.12		
Trees (100 @ \$30)	\$ 3,000	
Shrubs (50 ea. @ \$15)	\$ 750	
90 Day Maintenance	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	\$ 46,800
Design Inspection Fees		<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Subtotal		\$ 438,000
General Contractor 7%		\$ 30,660
Contingency 10%		<u>\$ 43,800</u>
Total		\$ 512,460*

*Divided by 10 Acres = \$51,250 per Acre

D-3Case Study - Typical 10 acre park
Gross Park Site - 10 AcresNOT INCLUDED IN ESTIMATE:

Water during Landscape Period
Inflation Beyond 1993
Ballfield Lighting
Land Purchase/Street Improvements
Permits (To be waived)

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City of Portarville

Estimated Park Development Impact Fee*
(Assuming Standard of 3-5 acres per thousand)

Land Use	Park Acreage per 1,000	Average Pop. per dwelling unit	Acquisition and development** cost per acres required from Impact Fee*	Estimated * Park Impact Fee per Unit
Single Family detached	3.5	3.324	\$37,881**	\$441
Single family attached	3.5	3.545	\$37,881	\$517
Multi Family (2-4 Units)	3.5	2.752	\$37,881	\$365
Multi Family (5+ Units)	3.5	2.403	\$37,881	\$319
Mobile Homes	3.5	1.863	\$37,881	\$247

$$\text{FORMULA FOR FEE} = \frac{1 \quad 2 \quad 3}{(3.5) (D.F.) (No. D.U.) \times (Acq. Cost + Dev. Cost)} \\ 1,000$$

Definition of Terms:

1. 3.5 = Park acreage standard for the City of Portarville, number of acres per 1,000 persons.
2. D.F. = Density Factor obtained from 1990 census.
3. No. D.V. = Number of Dwelling units.

* To be adjusted each year based on engineering news record.

**Note: The Acquisition and Development Fee has been adjusted from \$66,250 because of the identification of optional funding sources from Figure D-3.

PARK DEVELOPMENT FEE COMPARISONS

*Compared to other cities for single family residential park development fees

TULARE	\$760.56
HANFORD	\$580.00
SANGER	\$700.00
REEDLEY	\$380.00
DINUBA	\$327.00
VISALIA	\$693.00
MADERA	\$703.00
LINDSAY	\$627.00
PORTERVILLE (PROPOSED)	\$441.00

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**Estimated Future Park Maintenance Costs
(In 1993 Dollars)**

Year	Houacholds	Acres of Parkland	Estimated O & M Cost per Acre*	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Percent Increase Since 1990	Cost per Household	Increase in Cost per Household
1990	10,073	105.37	\$6,780	\$714,757	-0-	\$70.95	-0-
2000	13,112	137.67	\$6,780	\$933,400	23 %	\$71.18	\$.23
2013	28,465	306.37	\$6,780	\$2,077,190	71 %	\$72.97	\$2.02

*Assuming costs per acre stay the same.

FIGURE D-7
CITY OF PORTERVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT
SUMMARY OF COSTS FOR EACH PARK

New Park Facilities	Grants	New Park Fee Quincy	Donations	Storm Drain	NTIF Transportation	County of Tulare	General Fund	Other	Amount
1. Airport/Fairgrounds	\$300,000	\$100,000	\$20,000		\$200,000		\$50,000	\$500,000	\$1,170,000
2. Los Bobles Park	\$58,750	\$260,000	\$10,000		\$20,000		\$10,000		\$358,750
3. Porter Slough Park	\$150,000	\$692,500	\$20,000	\$50,000			\$10,000		\$922,500
4. East Morton	\$78,000	\$612,750	\$20,000				\$10,000		\$720,750
5. West Tule River Park	\$250,000	\$705,625	\$10,000	\$75,000	\$25,000		\$50,000	\$365,000	\$1,480,625
6. North Plano Park	\$325,000	\$780,625	\$10,000	\$75,000	\$25,000		\$50,000	\$365,000	\$1,630,625
7. Oxbow Park		\$60,000	\$20,000		\$20,000				\$100,000
8. Railroad Park	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000						\$500,000
9. Headgate Park	\$100,000	\$190,000	\$30,000						\$320,000
10. Burton Schools Ballfield		\$50,000	\$50,000				\$70,000		\$170,000
11. Floating Park NW		\$225,000		\$100,000					\$325,000
12. Floating Park N		\$660,000							\$660,000
13. Floating Park NE		\$121,250		\$200,000					\$321,250
14. Floating Park SW		\$331,250							\$331,250
Subtotal	\$1,361,750	\$4,989,000	\$390,000	\$500,000	\$290,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$1,230,000	\$9,010,750
Improvements to Existing Parks									
15. Munny Park	\$200,000		\$20,000				\$200,000		\$420,000
16. Veteran's Park	\$100,000		\$60,000				\$180,000		\$340,000
17. Zalud Park			\$20,000						\$20,000
Subtotal	\$300,000		\$100,000				\$380,000		\$780,000
TOTAL	\$1,661,750	\$4,989,000	\$490,000	\$500,000	\$290,000	\$0	\$630,000	\$1,230,000	\$9,790,750

PROPOSED PARKS

		1988 ACRES
1	Beaver Creek Park	1.0
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100	Long Creek Park	2.0
TOTAL		100.0

Appendix E
Proposed Parks

PROPOSED PARKS

		PARK ACREAGE
19.	Burton Schools Ballfields	13.00
20.	Porter Slough Park	18.00
21.	Los Robles Park	7.00
22.	East Morton Park	15.00
23.	West Tule River Park	29.00
24.	Oxbow Park	3.00
25.	Railroad Park	21.00
26.	Headgate Park	3.00
27.	North Plano Park	30.00
28.	Airport Open Space Area	37.00
29.	Floating Park NW	5.00
30.	Floating Park N	10.00
31.	Floating Park NE	5.00
32.	Floating Park SW	5.00
33.	Rails to Trails Park	40.00
34.	Neighborhood Community Center	32.00
	PROPOSED PARKS ACREAGE	273.00

BURTON SCHOOLS PARK

LOCATION: Morton Avenue

SIZE: 13 acres

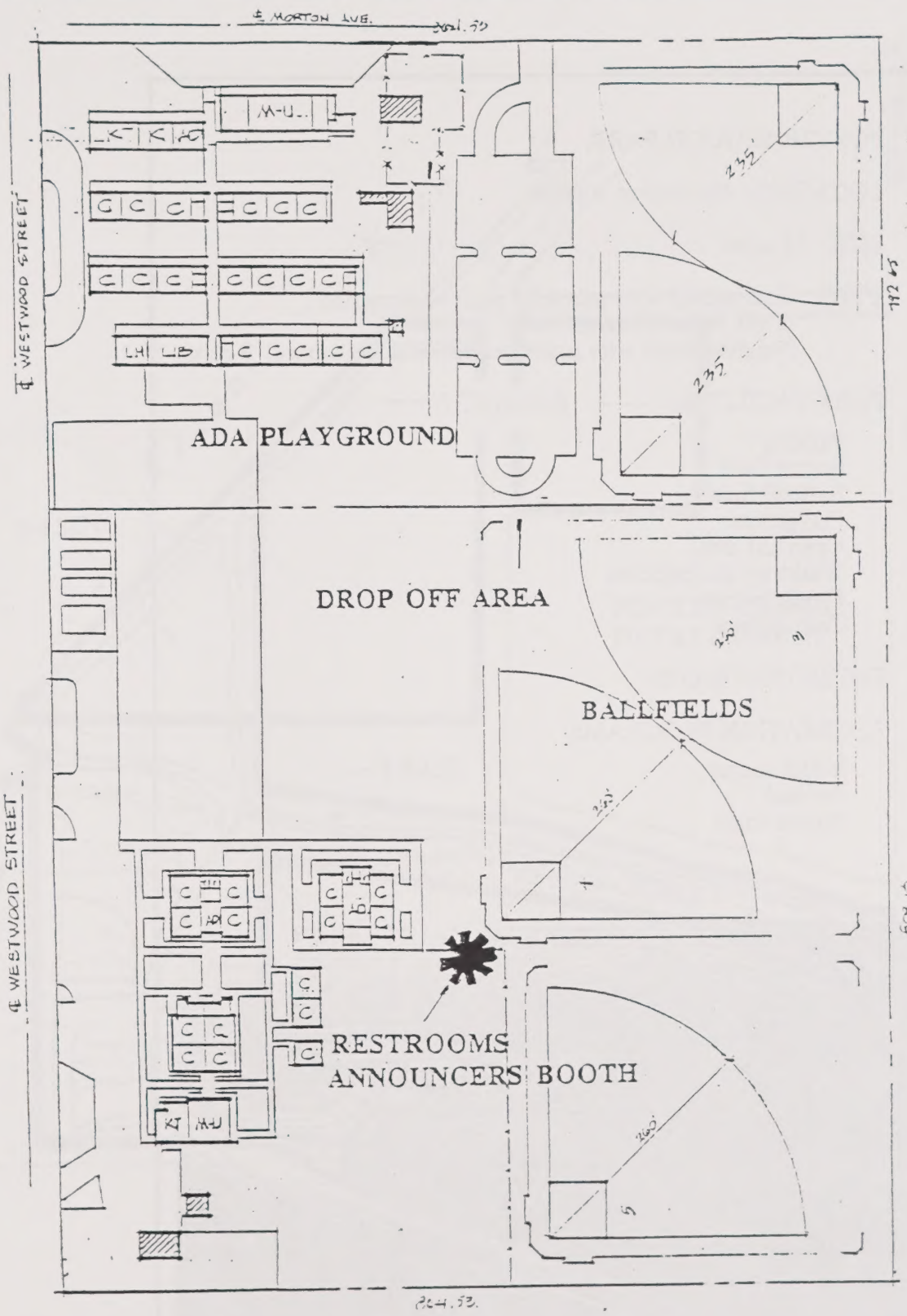
TYPE: Community park with active recreation: 10 acres
Neighborhood park: 3 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Soccer field, lighted
- Softball field, lighted
- Youth Baseball fields
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Playground
- Open turf area

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Youth soccer
- Softball
- Youth baseball



NORTH

BURTON SCHOOLS PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

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PORTER SLOUGH PARK

LOCATION: Henderson Avenue

SIZE: 18 acres

TYPE: Community with primarily passive recreation
in the park: 10 acres
Neighborhood with active recreation at the school: 8 acres

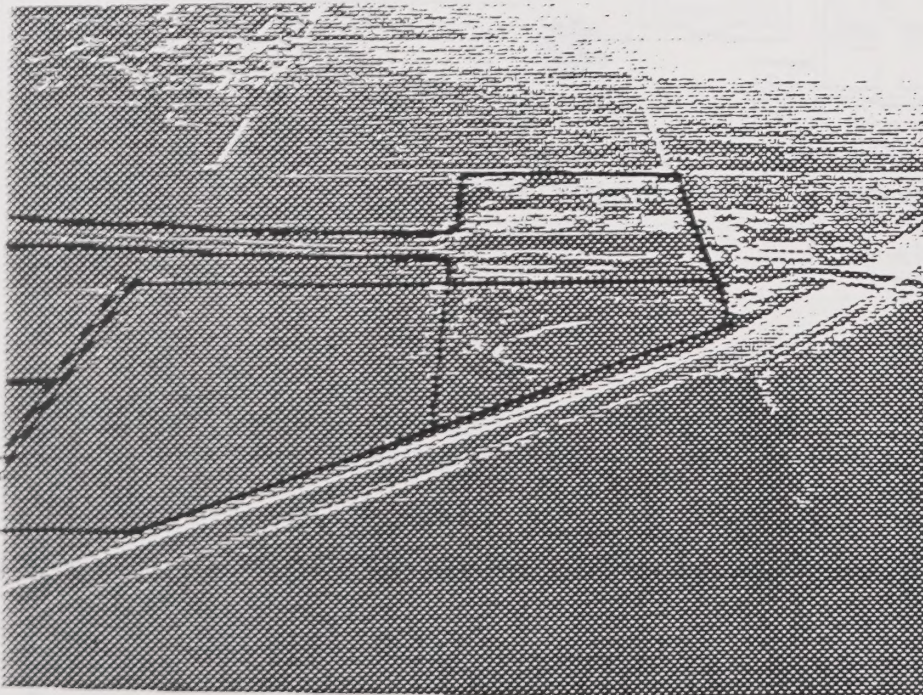
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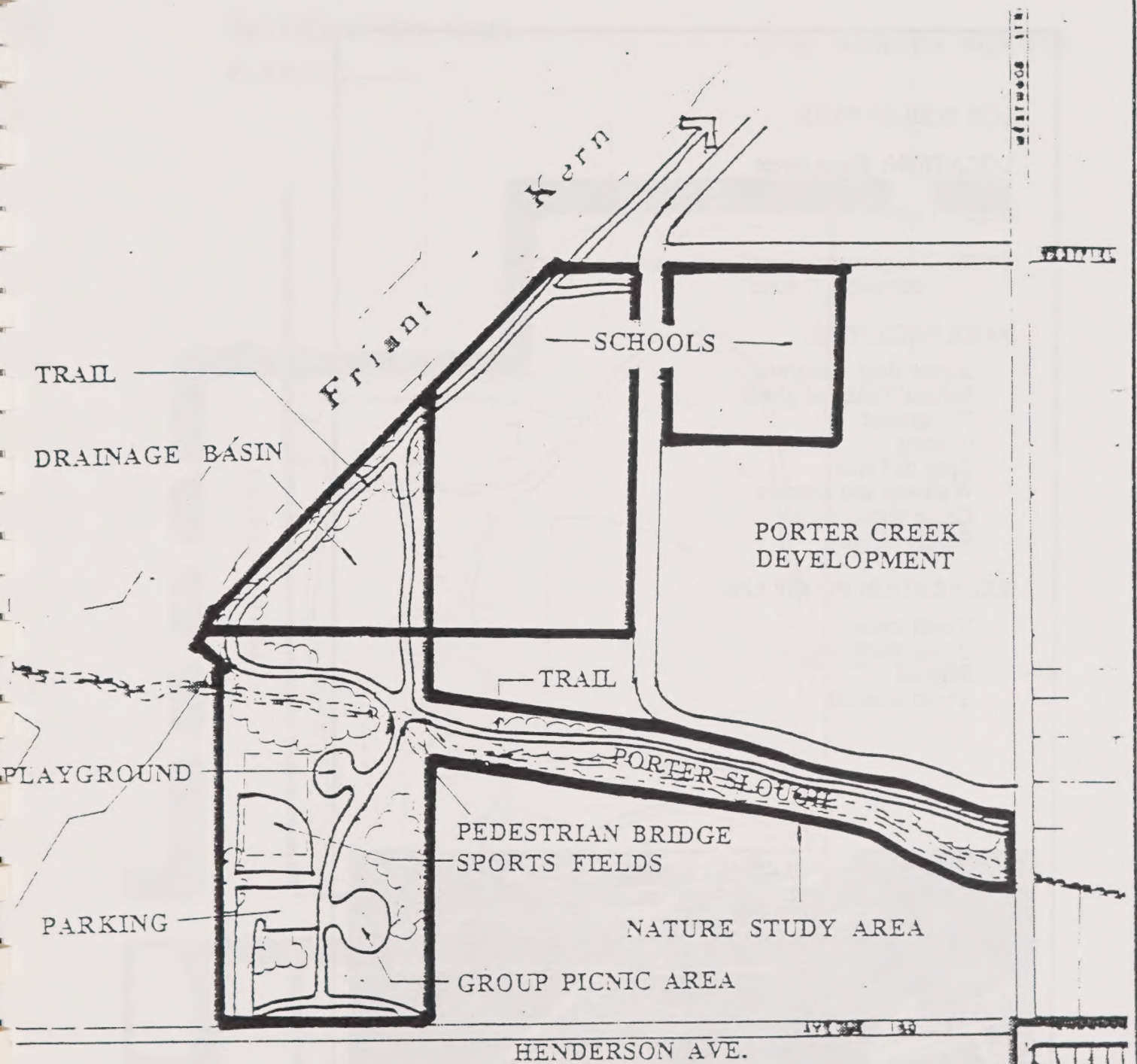
- Parking
- Soccer field
- Softball field
- Playground
- Open turf area
- Walkway and benches
- Family picnic
- Trail system

DETENTION BASIN

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Youth soccer
- Softball
- Nature study





NORTH

PORTER SLOUGH PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

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EG

LOS ROBLES PARK

LOCATION: Plano Street

SIZE: 7 acres

TYPE: Neighborhood park with passive and active recreation: 7 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Soccer field, unlighted
- Softball field, unlighted
- Playground
- Parking
- Open turf area
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic shelter
- Family picnic

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Youth soccer
- Group picnic rental
- Softball
- Youth baseball



NATURE STUDY AREA

LOS ROBLES SCHOOL

PARKING

PLANO STREET

TRAIL

SPORTS FIELDS

PLAYGROUND

GROUP PICNIC AREA



NORTH

LOS ROBLES PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

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EAST MORTON PARK

LOCATION: Morton Avenue/Hillcrest Street

SIZE: 15 acres

TYPE: Community with primarily passive recreation: 10 acres
Neighborhood: 5 acres

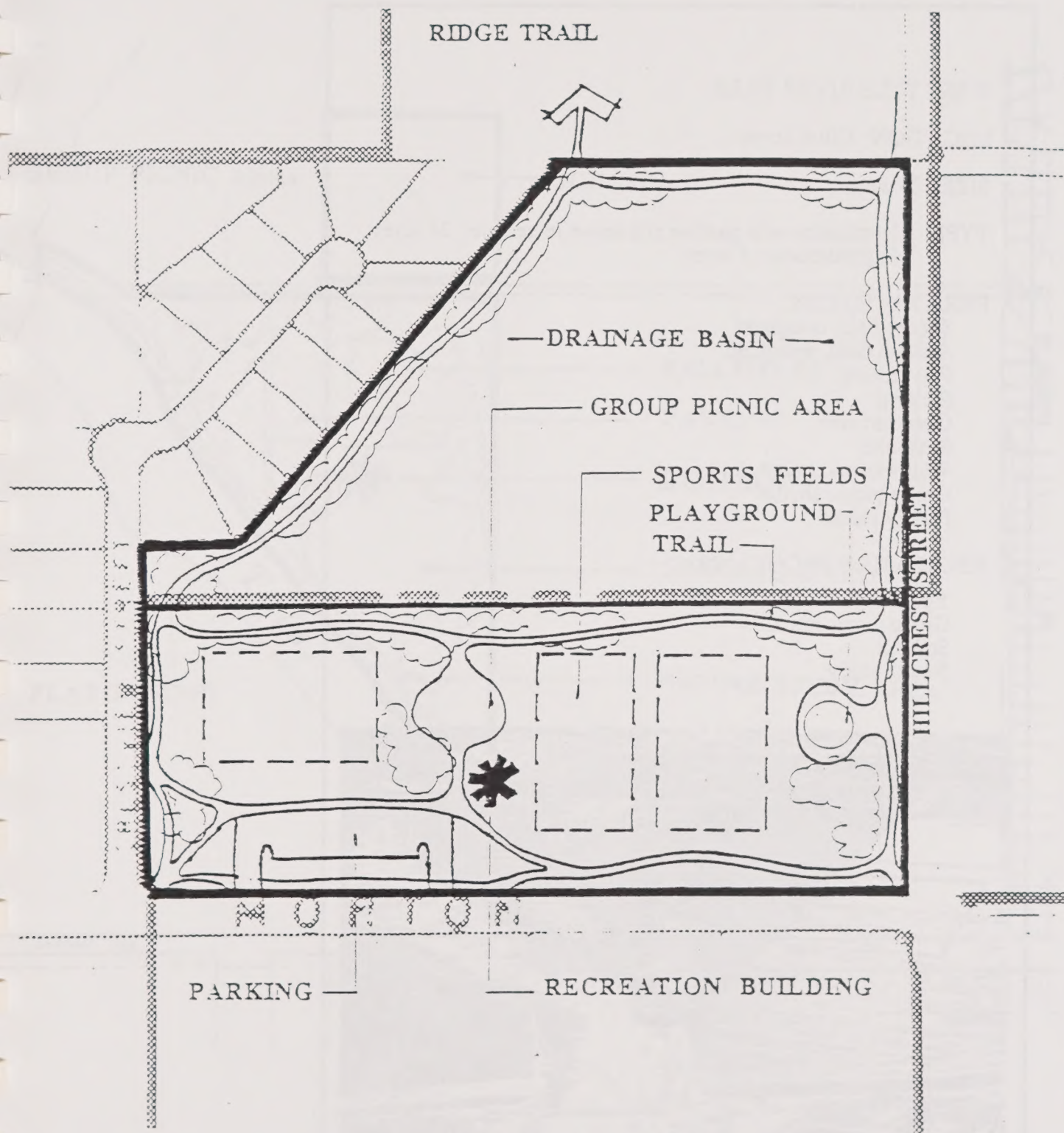
PARK FACILITIES:

- Soccer field
- Playground
- Parking
- Open turf area
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic shelter
- Family picnic
- Trail system

DETENTION BASIN

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Youth soccer
- Group picnic rental
- Community events



NORTH

EAST MORTON PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

22

WEST TULE RIVER PARK

LOCATION: Olive Street

SIZE: 29 acres

TYPE: Community with passive and active recreation: 24 acres
Neighborhood: 5 acres

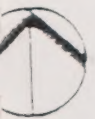
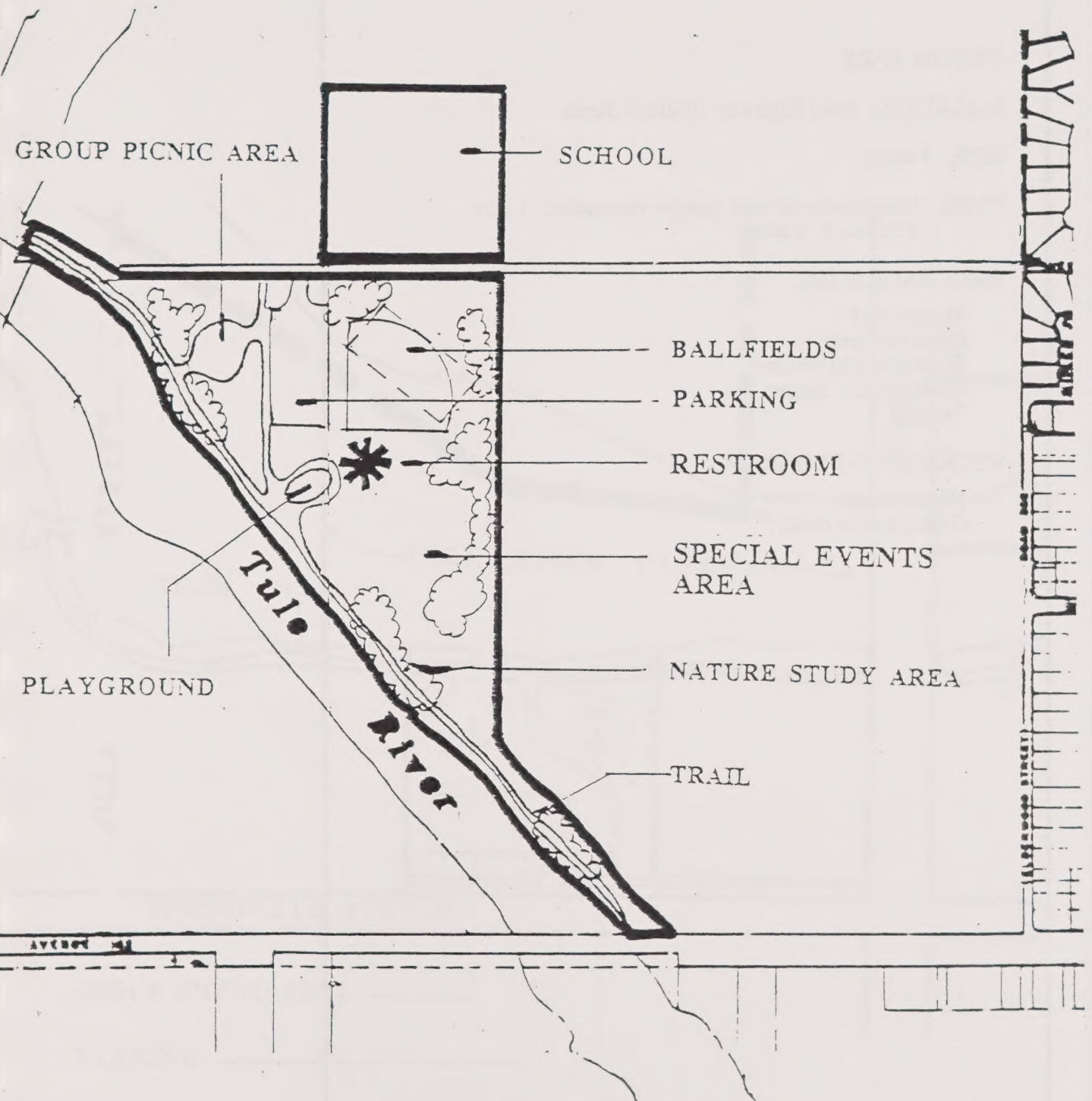
PARK FACILITIES:

- Soccer field, unlighted
- Softball field, unlighted
- Playground
- Parking
- Open turf area
- Restroom
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic shelter
- Family picnic

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Youth soccer
- Group picnic rental
- Softball
- Nature study





ORTH

WEST TULE RIVER PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

23

OXBOW PARK

LOCATION: State Highway 190/Jaye Street

SIZE: 3 acres

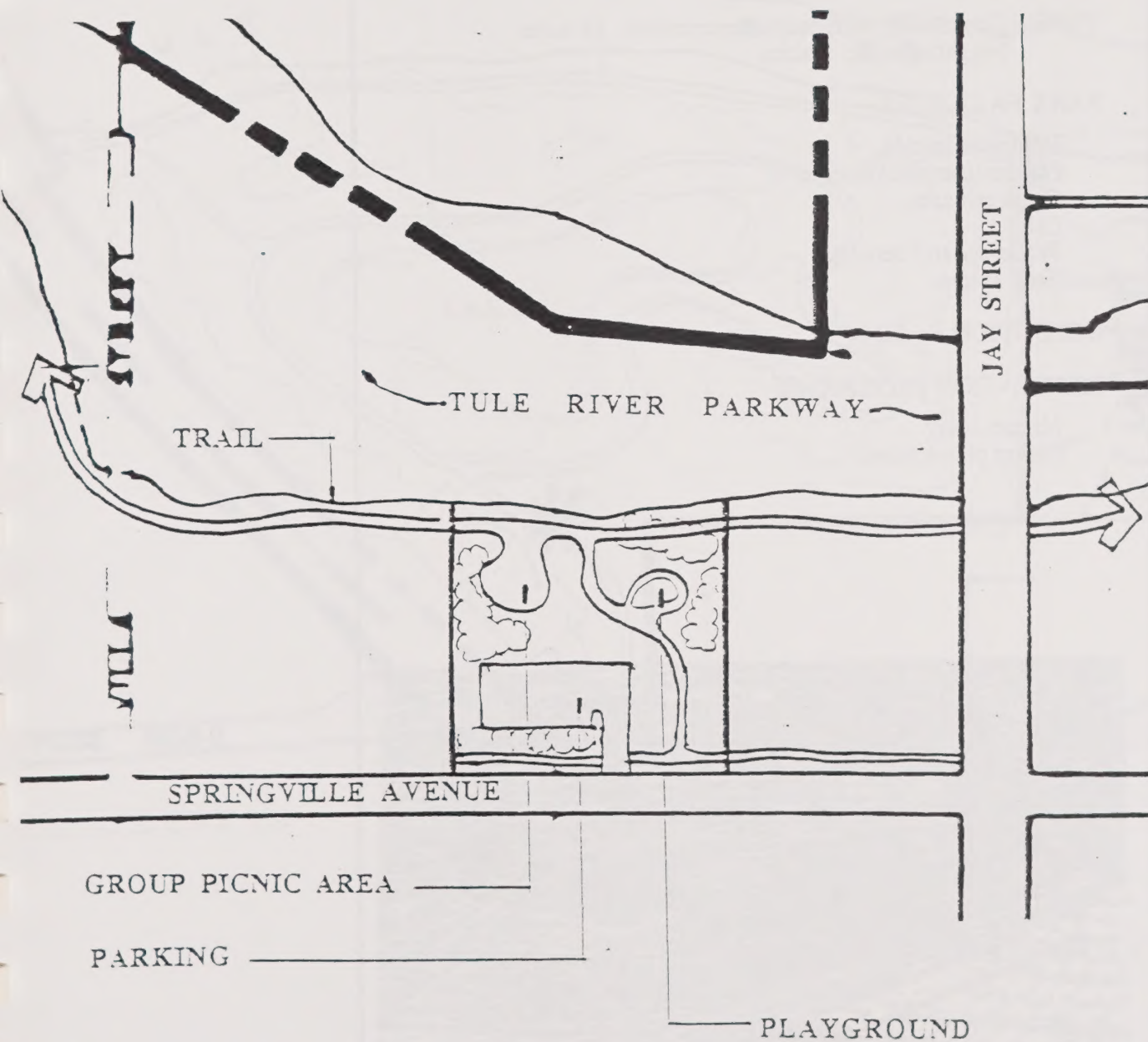
TYPE: Neighborhood with passive recreation: 1 acre
Trailhead: 2 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Playground
- Open turf area
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic shelter
- Parking

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Nature study
- Group picnic rental



OXBOW PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP
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RAILROAD PARK

LOCATION: Highway 190

SIZE: 21 acres

TYPE: Community with passive recreation: 16 acres
Neighborhood: 5 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Botanical garden
- Nature interpretive center
- Open turf area
- Lake
- Walkway and benches
- Trail system

DETENTION BASIN

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Nature study
- Group picnic rental



TRAIL SYSTEM WITH
BOTANICAL EXHIBITS

TULE RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL

TULE

RIVER

LAKE

STATE HWY 190

NATURE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

PARKING



NORTH

RAILROAD PARK

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

MAP

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HEADGATE PARK

LOCATION: State Highway 190

SIZE: 3 acres

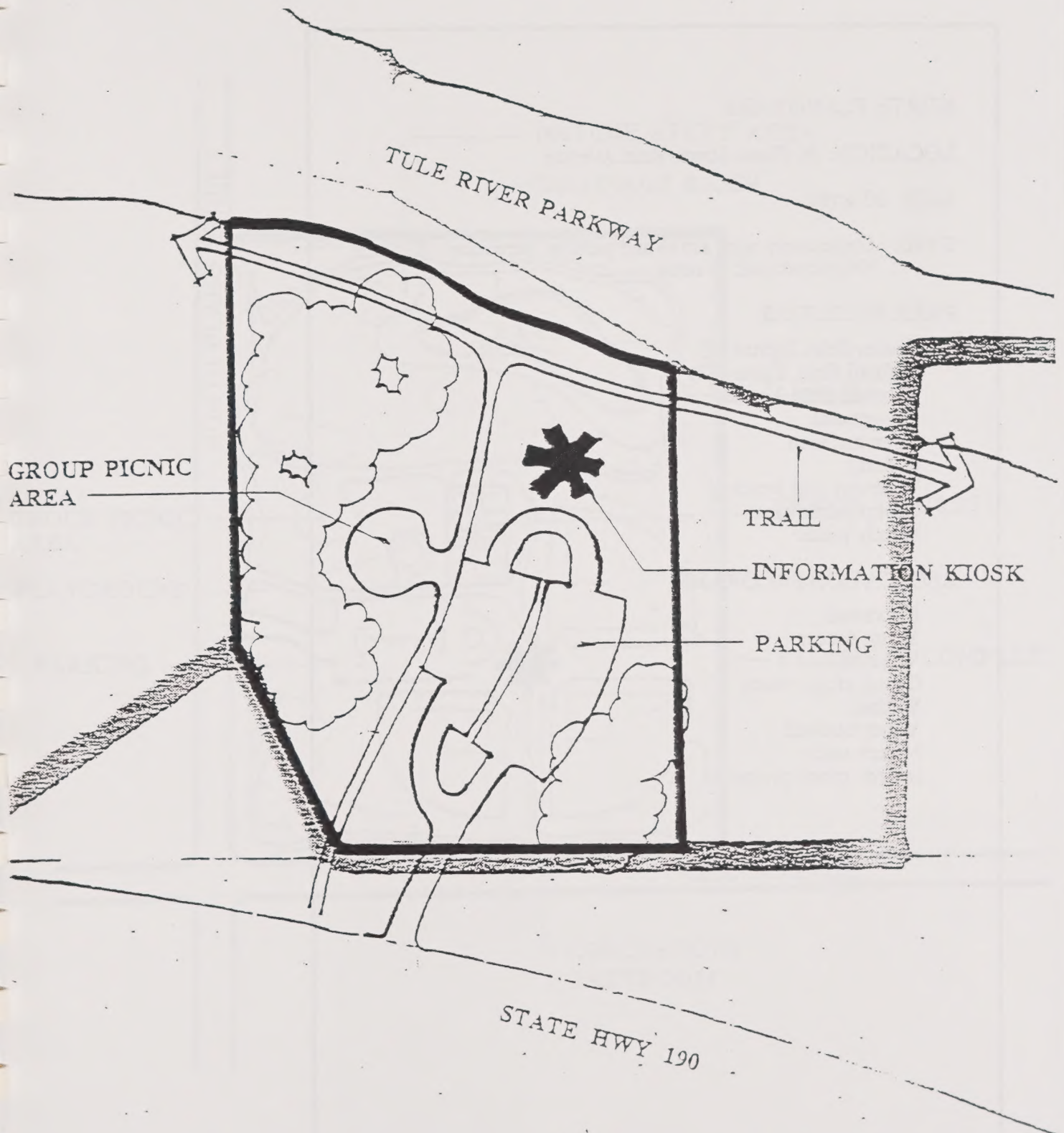
TYPE: Neighborhood with passive recreation: 1 acre
Trailhead: 2 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Information booth
- Connection to
River Parkway
- Open turf area
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic shelter
- Parking

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Nature study
- Group picnic rental



NORTH

HEADGATE PARK

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NORTH PLANO PARK

LOCATION: N. Plano Street /Reid Avenue

SIZE: 30 acres

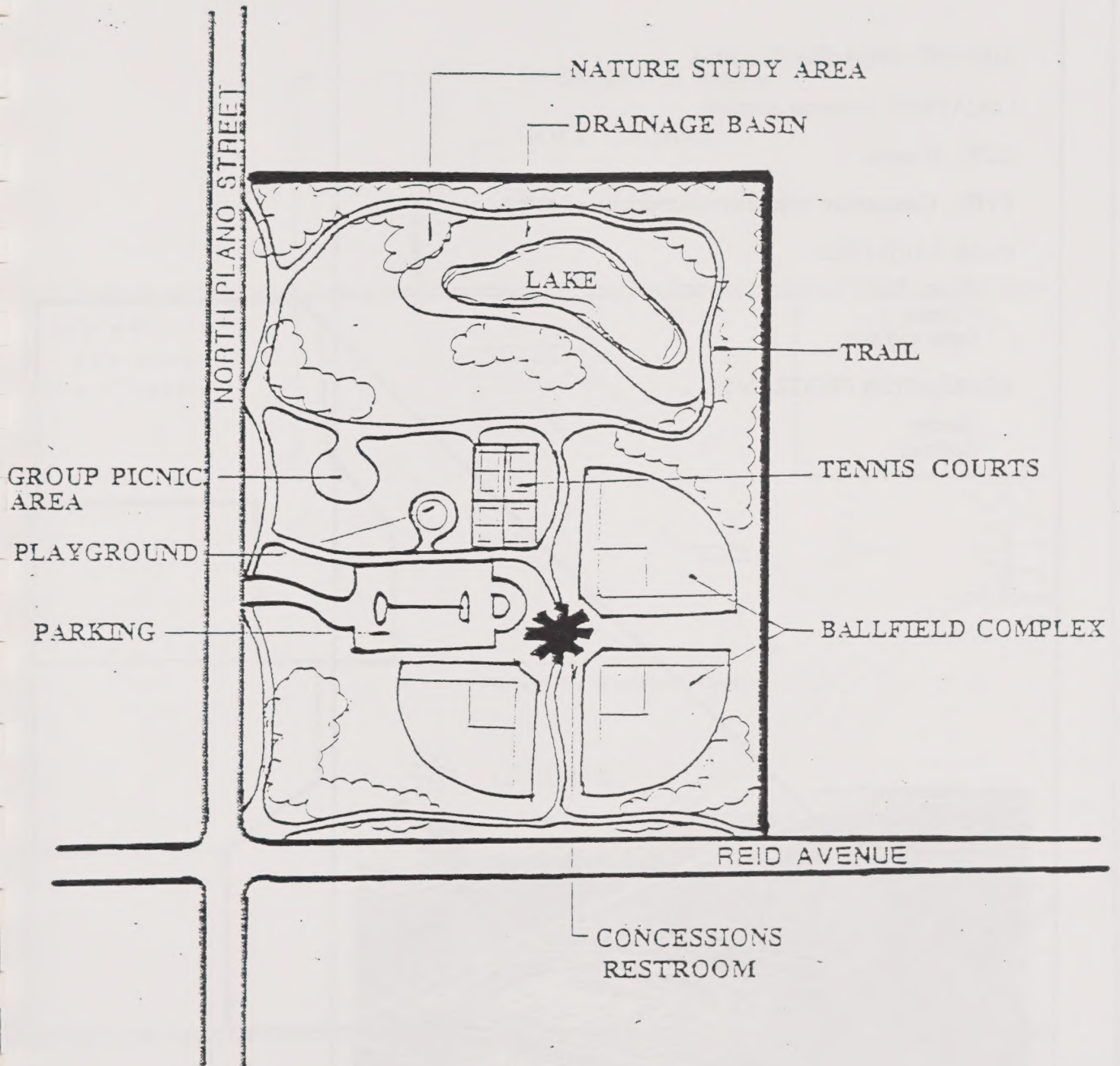
TYPE: Community with active and passive recreation: 25 acres
Neighborhood: 5 acres

PARK FACILITIES:

- Soccer field, lighted (3)
- Softball field, lighted (2)
- Baseball field, lighted
- Playground
- Open turf area
- Parking
- Walkway and benches
- Group picnic area
- Family picnic

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Basketball
- Youth soccer
- Volleyball
- Group picnic rental
- Softball
- Youth baseball
- Nature study
- Indoor sports programs



NORTH

NORTH PLANO PARK

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AIRPORT OPEN SPACE AREA

LOCATION: Scranton Avenue

SIZE: 37 acres

TYPE: Community with active recreation: 37 acres

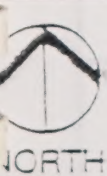
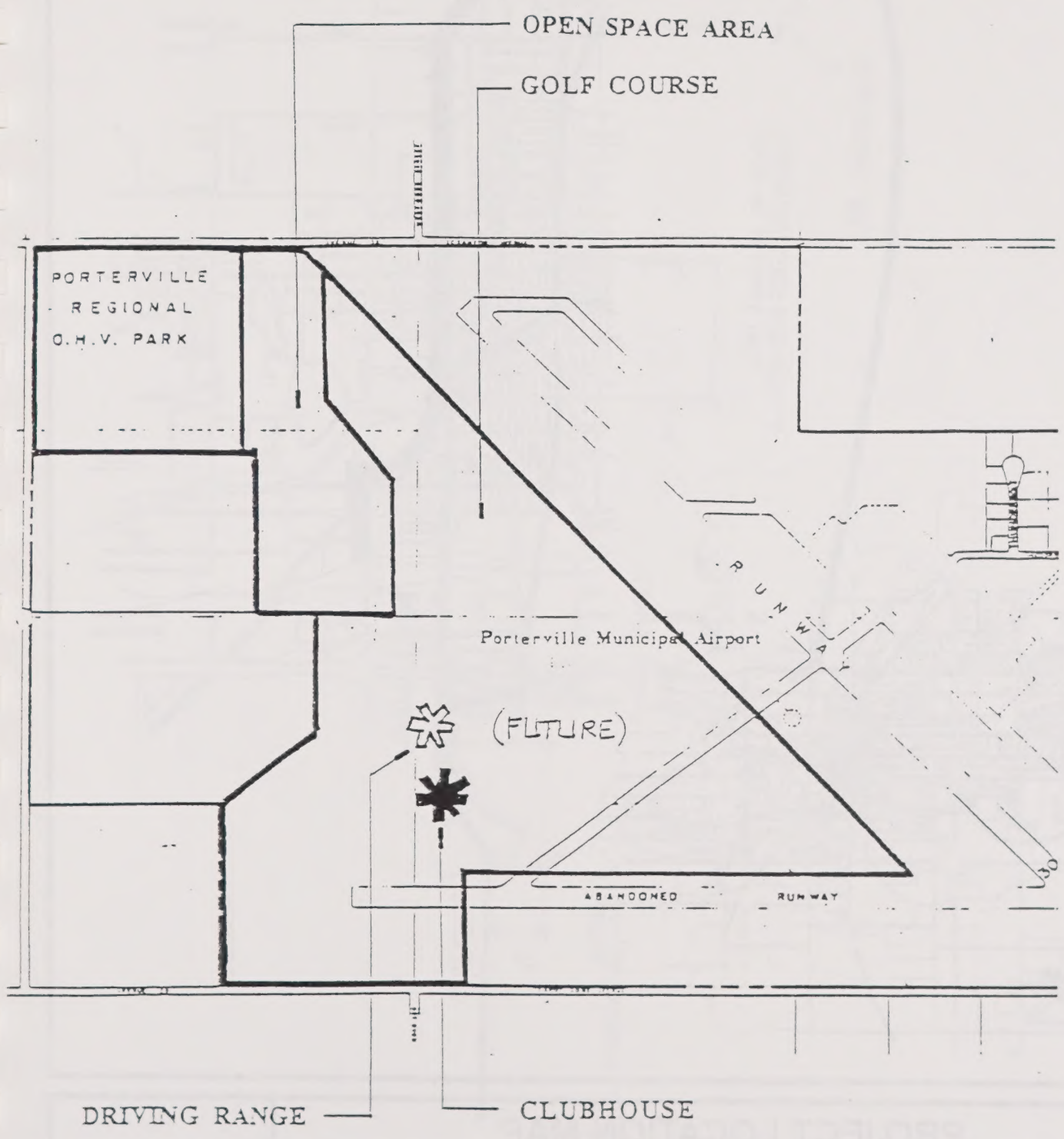
PARK FACILITIES:

- Sports fields
- Parking
- Open turf area

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

- Soccer
- Softball

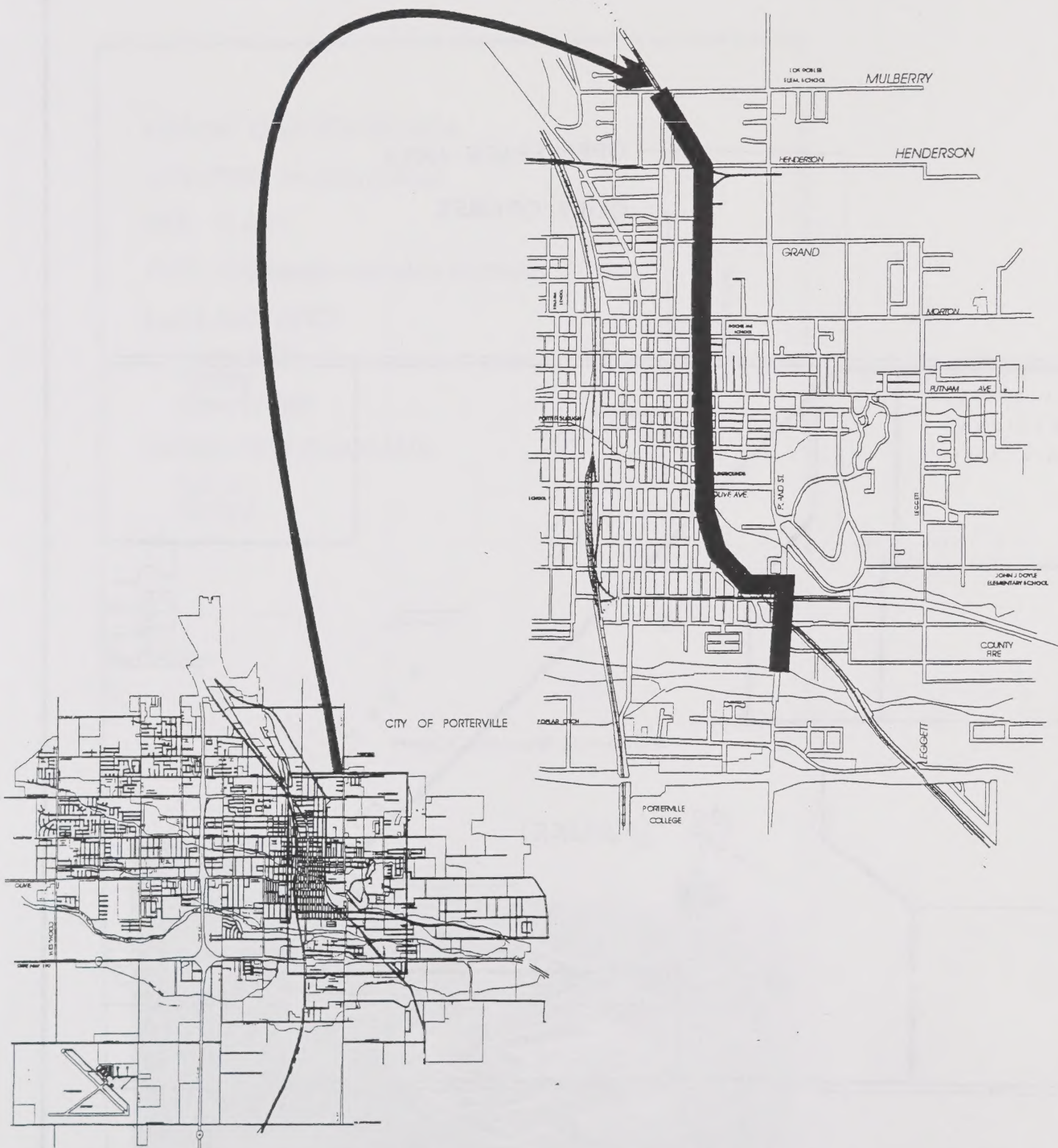




AIRPORT OPEN SPACE AREA

CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Mulberry Avenue to Tule River Parkway

CMAQ Project Application - Rails to Trails - Bicycle Path/Trail

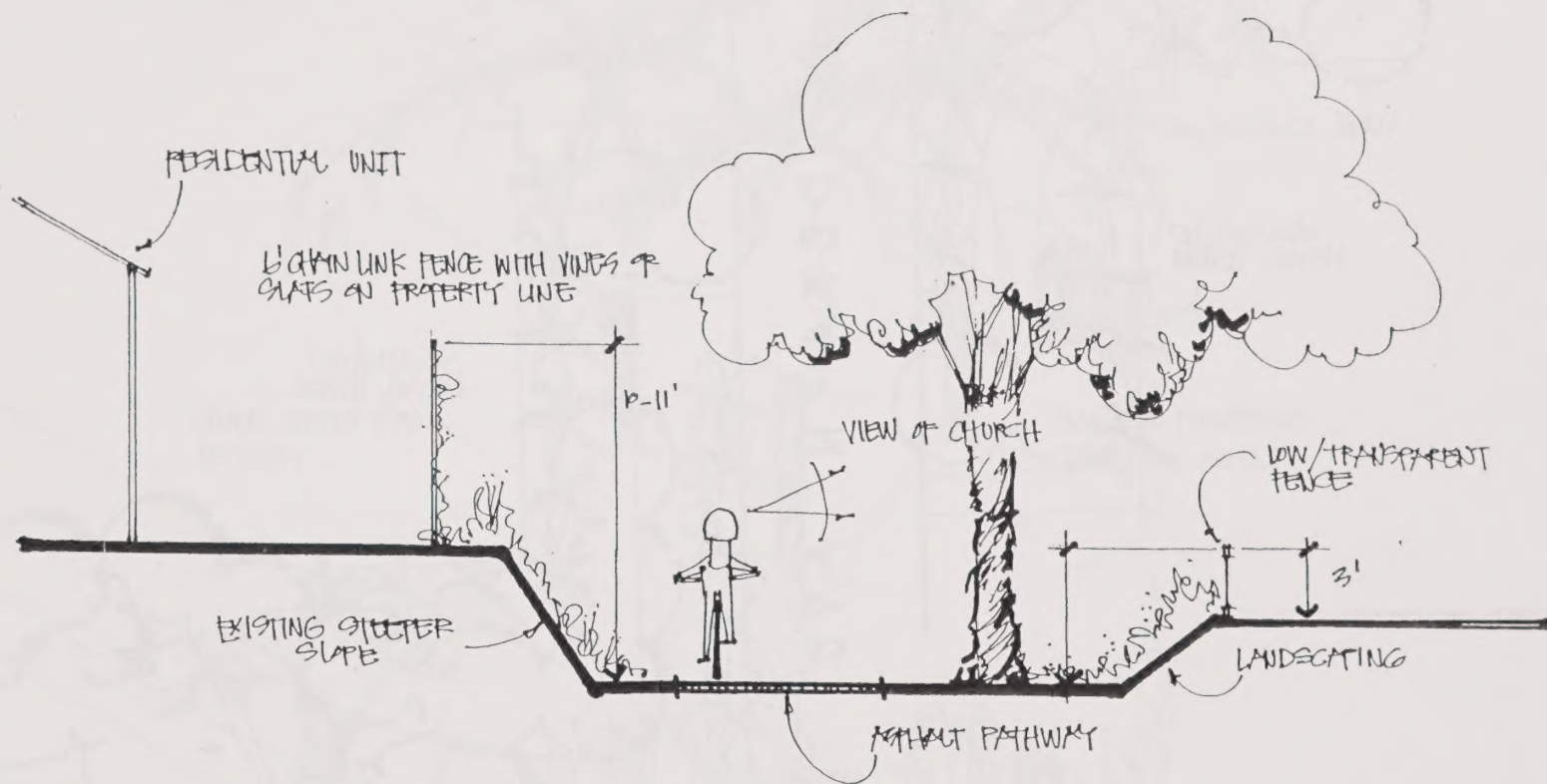
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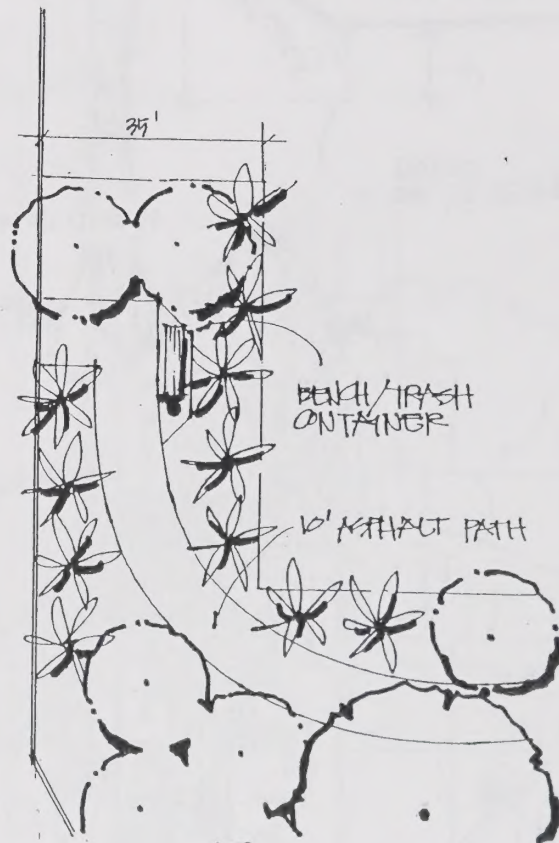
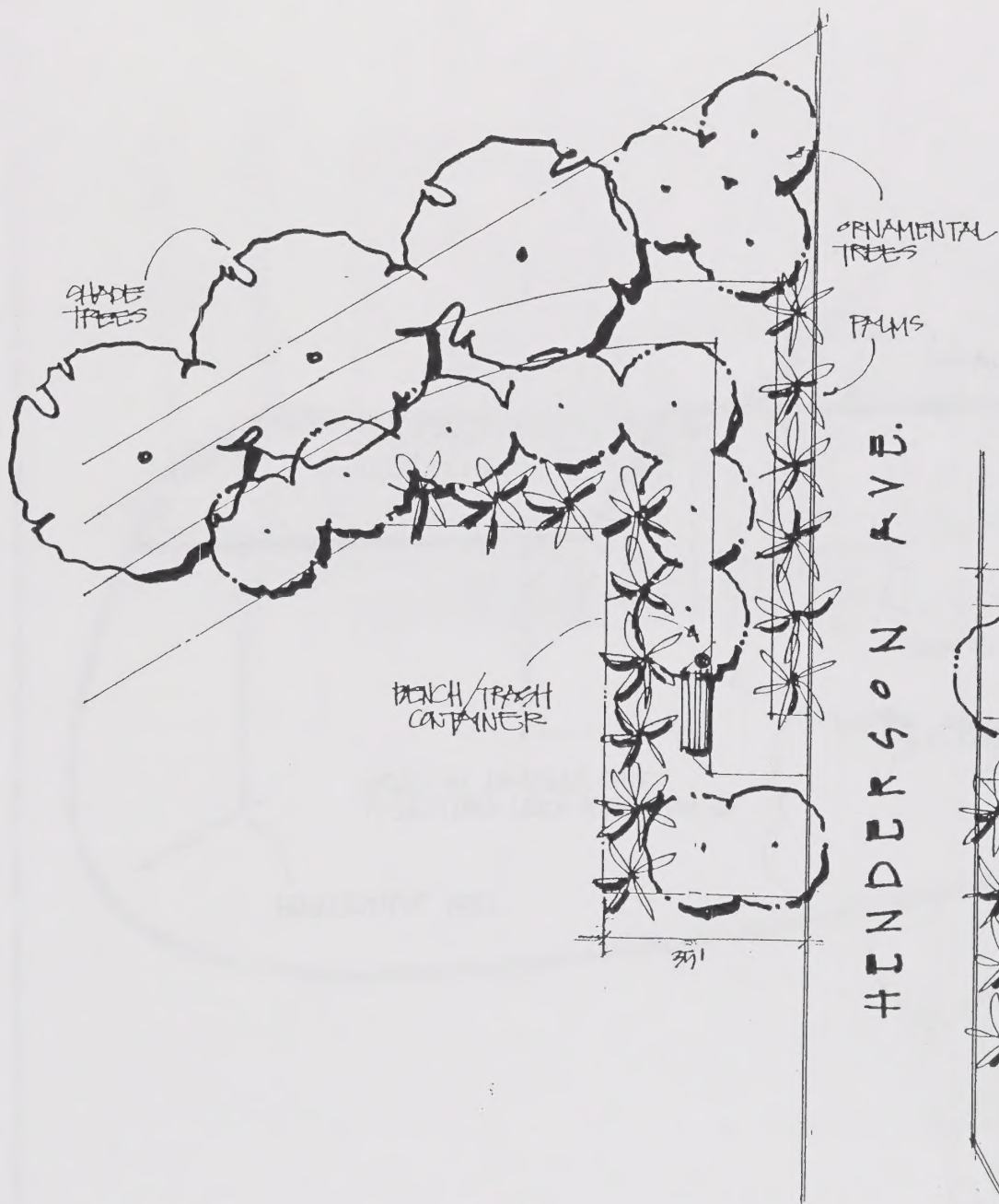
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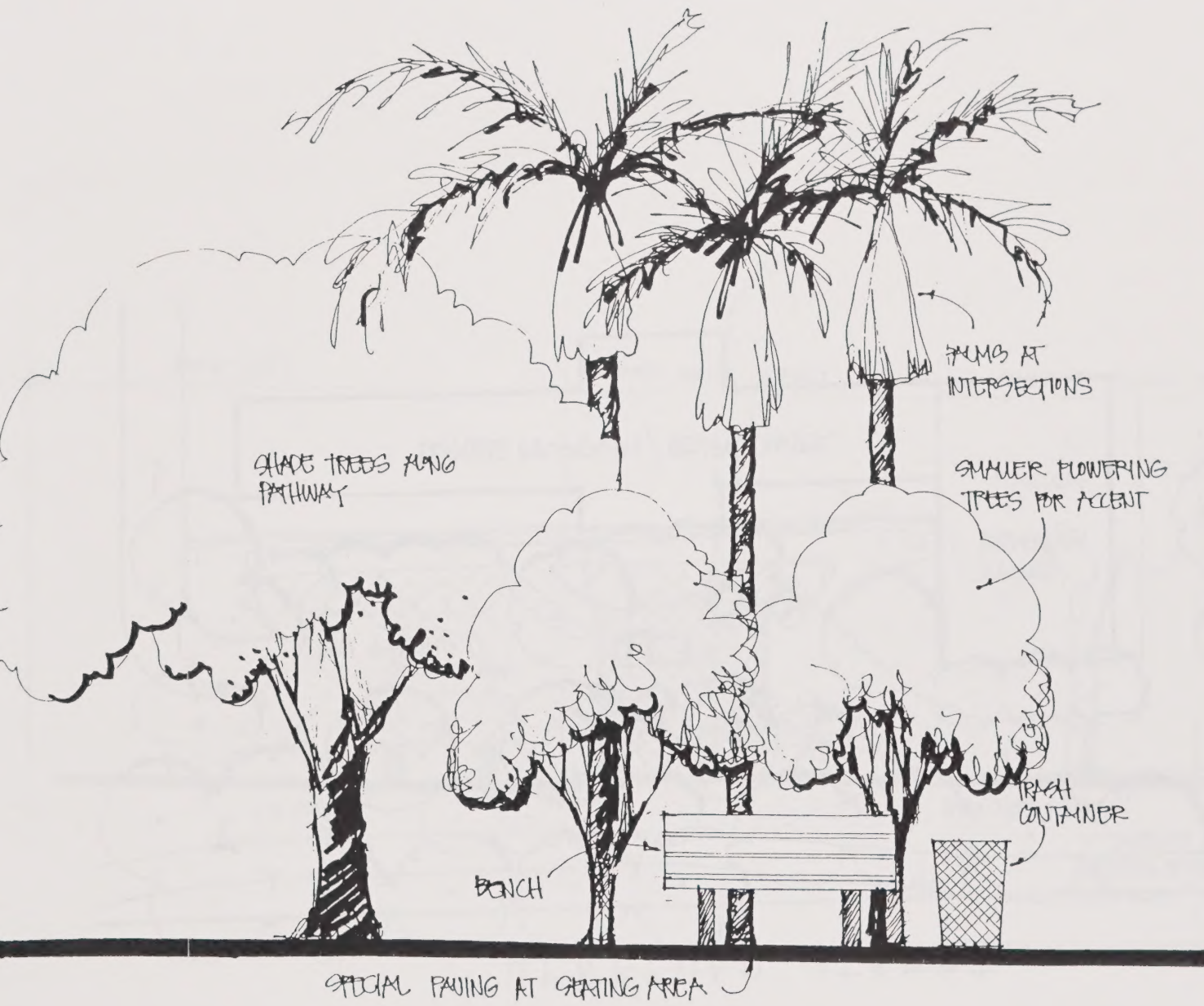
 Project Location

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SHADE TREES ALONG
PATHWAY

PALMS AT
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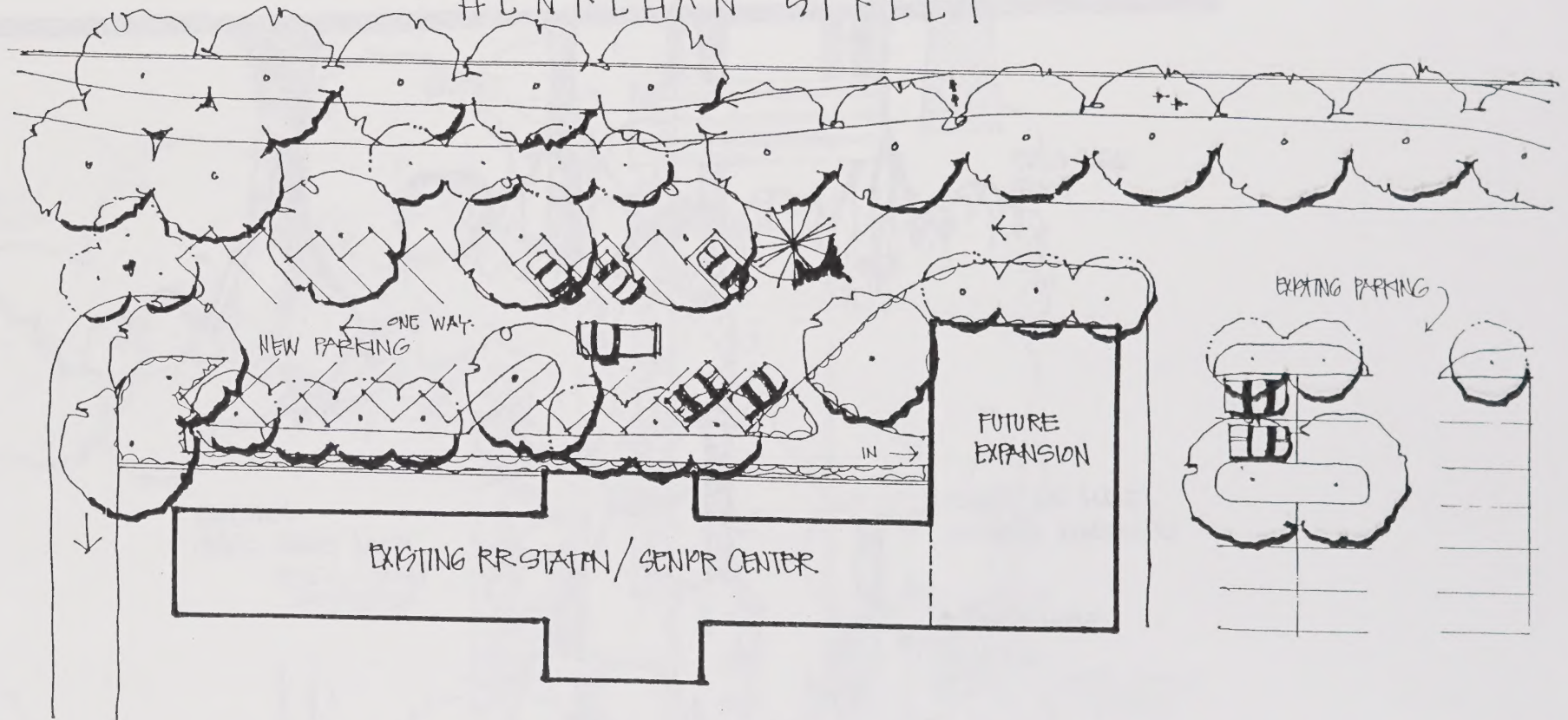
SMALLER FLOWERING
TREES FOR ACCENT

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SPECIAL PAVING AT SEATING AREA

HENREHAN STREET

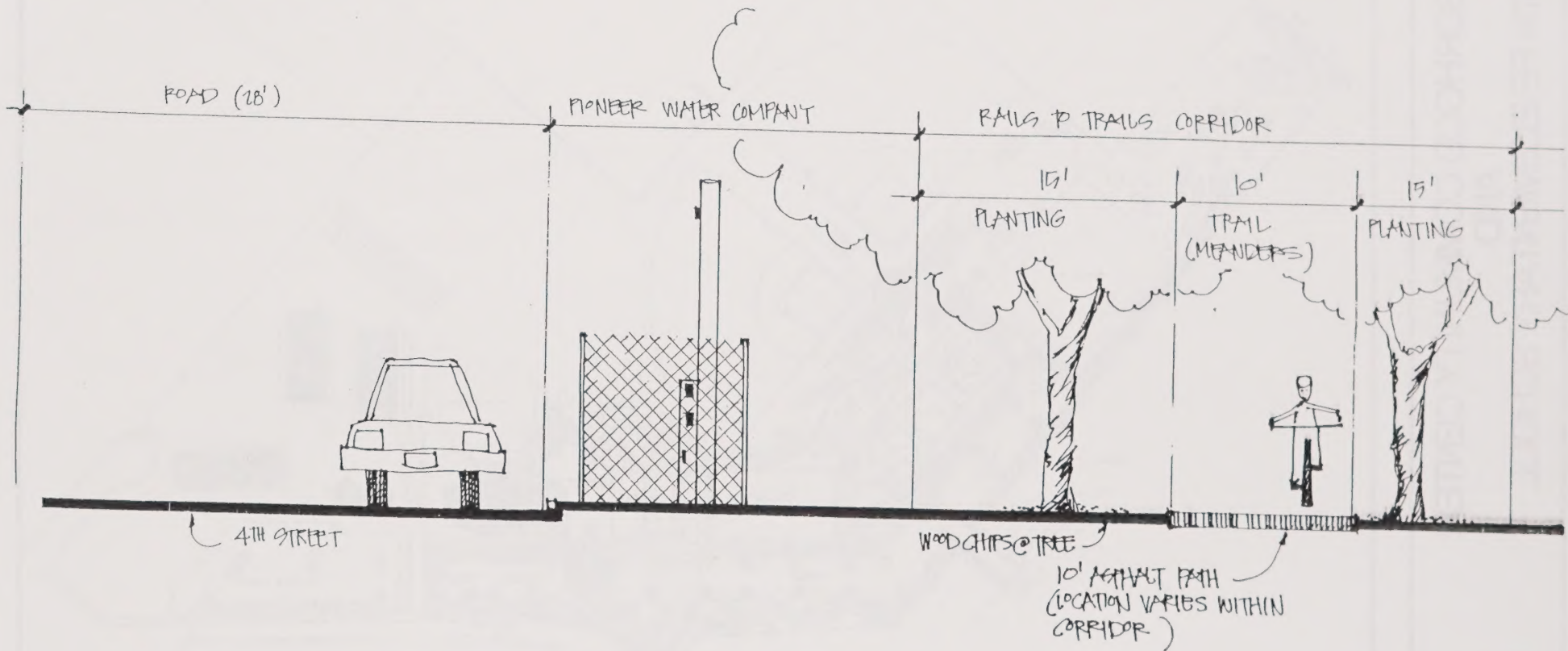


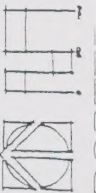
NEW PARKING

EXISTING RR STATION / SENIOR CENTER

FUTURE EXPANSION

EXISTING PARKING





NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
AND
SANTA FE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAP

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